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pledges release of four **Britons**

'resident Bani-Sadr of Iran has told 'The "imes" that the four Britons detained in a chran jail will definitely be freed. He said that ocuments which had been thought to indicate nat they were spying gave no proof of such ctivities. No charges against the four have een made. They were arrested in August.

'Documents not proof they were spies'

rem Tony Allaway chran, Feb 5 President Bani-Sade of Iran as said that four Britons held n a Tehran prison will be reed. In an interview with The ones in the southern war rone. Khucestan, he said that the authorities responsible for the

"More told me they will be freed."

He added: "It has been said hat there were some documents that they were spying. at recently they said the docuenis do not provo they were

The four Britons, Dr John Caleman, his wife Audrey and hiss Jean Waddell, all mission-nics, and Mr Andrew Pyke, a tusinessman, were arrested last August at the height of anti-Eritish feeling in Iran. They are believed to be held in Tehran's Evin prison but so far no charges against them have been announced.

The President said he personally hoped they would be treed "and go anywhere they

He strongly criticized Britain for refusing to supply military equipment that Iran had paid fur, as a result of the deten-

"If some Iranians have been mprisoned in your country do ou think it fair if we hold up coods that belong to you and cop them? There is a wrong hing going on in the world in hat one bad action is answered y another, after crisis for iman beings in the world," The President saved his reatest criticism for the French and their decision to supply lirage jets to Iraq. "That was hostile action. It is not in rance's interests to make tation its enemy," he said.

OBLICTION:

In a reference to Iraq President Bani-Sadr added: "This will only satisfy the aggressive fascists. We hope the French nation puts pressure on its Government. of course we have protested and we will protest again."

The President was circumspect about the situation on the war fronts but repeatedly indicated that Iran's war effort was suffering from a shortage

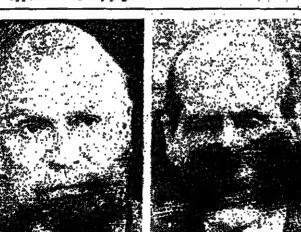
"We are not getting ammunition or equipment from any part of the world and we thus have to prepare our war plans in a way that we lose as little ammunition and weapons as possible. If we had had the necessary weapons I could even have told you in how many days the war would have been over."

The President implicitly acknowledged that the Iranian counter-offensive launched last month had bogged down. "Did you expect us to overcome them in one attack?" he asked. He said that Iranian forces were involved in a third phase of the battle which is trying to "weaken and wear down the Iraqi forces".

The President was even more circumspect about the internal political situation. Speaking as fundamentalist newspapers launched unprecedentally fundamentalist newspapers launched unprecedentedly sharp attacks on him, he would not be drawn into an opinion

Asked if he had put pressure on Ayatollah Khomeini to re-place Mr Muhammad Ali Rajai, the Prime Minister, with a more moderate figure, he said "I can't put pressure on (the ayatollah) . . I told him what was my belief and ideas."

Opposition rallied, page 6 | review, page 2.



Sir Peter Medawar, Lord Olivier and Company Leonard Cheshire, first OMs since 1977

Three named for Order of Merit

An actor, a scientist, and a war hero are to become members of the Order of Ment. Buckingham Palace anneggied

last night.

Lord Olivier, Sir Peter Bedgewar, and Group Serieble Leonard Cheshire are the livet members to join the order since 1977. They remay Ford Mountbatten of Burma, Gresam Sutherland, and MacDonald, who have all thed within the past tree trees. within the past two years.

Neutron bomb

in Soviet Union

The Soviet Union is gearing up its

propaganda apparatus for a renewed

onslaught against the neutron bomb

after American announcements that the

livited States would like to continue to develop the meapon. Mrs Thatcher told

the Commons that it was unlikely that

the proposed bomb would be based in

Pritain and the State Department in

Washington attempted to calm European fears Page 7

Rebuff for TUC

The TUC's demand that the Government

denounced

The order is limited to 24 worldwide chemcabers, with the addition of Cheshire Four foreign honorary members, and the disabled. He comma the comma Queen's personal gift.

Lord Olivier, now 73, was made a life peer in 1970. He began his acting career in 1922 and has played most of the important roles in the British

Group Captain Leonard Researcheshire, VC, aged 63, founded 1971.

Fishermen unloading the last of their catch yesterday

at Peterhead; where a strike

against cheap fish imports

is expected to be complete

were tied-up at Scottish

continued. In Grimsby,

250 smack owners laid up

their ships in support of

fishermen in north-east .

England ports. Fish aid

ports as the protest

today. More than 800 boats

the disabled.

He commanded the RAF

Dambuster squadron during
the Second World War

Sir Peter Medawar, FRS, aged
65, is a medical scientist and
scholar who won the Nobel
Prize for Medicine in 1960 for

West Germany and

> The thirty-seventh Franco-German summit meeting opened in Paris and leaders of both countries emphasized the "great cordiality of the talks" intended to bring a common analysis of Fast-West relations, detente, the Polish crisis, Afghanistan, and of Europe's role in

More than 2,000 jobs are being lost in the heavy vehicle industry. GKN Sankey, supplier of truck wheels, chassis and cabs is cutting 1,241 jobs at Telford, Shropshire, while 810 jobs are going at Seddon Arkinson, the truck supplied that it is a property of the supplied truck in Languistics. manufacturer, in Lancashire - Page 17

Talks on NUS dispute: The two sides in the seamen's dispute are to meet tomorrow, raising hopes of a settle-

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President PLO leader has vision of a 'democratic oasis in the Middle East' for the Palestinian people

Mr Arafat offers to visit Moscow in search of an Afghan solution

From Robert Fish Beirut, Feb 5 Mr Yassir Arafat, the chair-man of the Palestine Liberation man of the Palestine Liberation Organization, is prepared to act as a mediator in the Afghanistan conflict, if necessary by going to Moscow to propose a solution. In a long interview with The Times he has also declared that if a Palestinian state was to be created, it would be a liberal democracy with free elections.

"A democratic casis in the Middle East" as he expansively put it. The new Palestine would

relationship with Jordan.
The PLO leader, clad in his ubiquitous black and white kuffiah headdress and wearing on his hip the loaded revolver that has distinguished his appearance for the past 13

years, was giving his first inter-view to a British newspaper since President Reagan took office. He said that he had been "astonished" at Mr Reagan's most recent condemnation of the PLO as terrorists and re-vealed that he bad instructed vealed that he bad instructed the PLO's representative at the

the United Nations Secretary-General, condemning the President's attack.

Mr Arafat, however, scrupu-lously avoided insulting the new American Administration, directing his scorn against ex-President Carter rather than his successor. And on several occasions, he departed from his usual demand that the United States should recognize the PLO, referring instead to the necessity of recognizing "the legal rights" of the Palestinians.

United Nations to send a memorandum to Dr Kurz Waldheim, seem of little consequence but

what was the result?".

Middle Eastern politics often revolve around the minuriae of such formula changes.

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"I still remember what hap-pened with Carter," Mr Arafat said. "On the first day he came to power, he gave his famous slogan about 'a homeland for the Palestinians'. At first, we said: 'OK, let us wait and see' And as chairman of the PLO I said that I appreciated what had been said. But I apprec-iated this too much . . . and

in 1977, Mr Brzezinski, Mr Carter's National Security Adviser, had given an interview in which he had said: "Bye-bye

"So we are nor looking for what the Americans are saying now. We prefer to wait and see. I hope that the American Gov-ernment and the American Administration will recognize the legal rights of the Palestin-ian people, which have been

Camp David, he said, had accepted by the United Nations, turned out to be "a conspiracy We are four million people and of self-rule" and after President Sadar's visit to Jerusalem tragedy for 32 years. Sixty per tragedy for 32 years. Sixty per cent of our people have been kicked out of their bomelands and are stateless. . . . The Americans have a moral and an historical responsibility over the Palestinians."

In the course of his interview, in a heavily guarded 10-storey office block in west Beirut, Mr Arafat's mood would change dramatically. One moment he would be outlining with great Continued on page 7, col 3



Photograph by Freddie Dalgety

H-block deadline for new hunger strike

Belfast ... The Government faces a new confrontation over the H-block issue after republican prisoners at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland 'yesterday set a three-week deadline for another hunger strike over their demands A statement issued by the

men in the Maze and by women at Armagh prison said a fast to the death, if necessary, would start on March 1, But in the Commons, Mr. Humphrey Atkins, the Secretary of State-for Northern Ireland, said again that political status would not

In their statement, issued Their statement, issued through Provisional Sinn Fein, in the parisoners said they had pariently for seven weeks the last bunger rike for evidence that the ernment was prepared to live the crisis, but obstacle r obstacle was placed in our

They claimed that conditions had worsened. They had chosen the fifth anniversary of the phasing out of special category status for the new hunger strike. The statement did not reveal how many would take part, but some sources said there would be four men, three IRA and a member of the Irish Republican Socialist Party, and,

possibly at least one woman.

If a new hunger strike was sustained for as long as the last one it could take a protest into the Easter period, a tradi-tional time of Republican

marches.

Mr Atkins, in a lengthy

ir should now establish, within the normal Northern Ireland prison regime, a special set of conditions for particular groups "It will not surrender con-

trol of what goes on in the prisons to a particular group of prisoners, it will not con-cede the demand for political status or recognize that murder and violence are less culpable because they are claimed to be committed for political motives." Mr Atkins made it clear that

Mr Atkins made it clear that the men would have to conform fully to the prison regime before they could enjoy the privileges which he had previously set our, including their own clothing, but they had failed to do this. Provisional Sinn Fein sources in Belfast gave a warning that this time. gave a warning that this time at least one death was likely if the issue was not resolved and it was possible that it could be a woman.

The men and their support-

ers outside claim the Government reneged on an agreement over improved prison condi-tions, but feel that they learnt a lot from the last hunger strike and now have a chance of regaining the initiative. Their statement says that the

original hunger strikers were morally blackmailed by those who called on them to end the fast. It now needed to be asked of the Irish bishops, particularly Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich and Mr John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party "what did your recommended ending of the last hunger strike gain for

scholar who won the Nobel parliamentary answer, said: peace in the prisons which like prize for Medicine in 1960 for the principles by which the promise was held before the principles by which the a promise was held before Government have stood in the dage of the principles at the Maze British are respansible for our and Armagh prisons still state which is far worse today; stand. It will not concede that than it ever was?

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Disruption by civil servants inevitable?

By Our Labour Reporter Civil Service union leaders last night said that a campaign of industrial action against the Government next month was inevitable after they were made a 6 per cent pay offer which is virtually non-negoti-

Leaders of the nine unions representing 580,000 white col lor civil servants, were told by pay increases would not be allowed to exceed 6 per cent, That is in line with the cash limit the Government will shortly announce for pay in-creases for direct state employees.

The unions, at a short meet-ing yesterday with Mr Gordon ing yesterday with Mr Gordon committee had exceeded its Burrett, deputy secretary at the Civil Service Department in charge of pay negotiations, sub-inflation-proofed pensions to mitted a 15 per cent claim. cover private sector workers,

Mr William Kendall, secre-tary general of the Council of Civil Service Unions, said after-wards: "They made no attempt to answer any of the arguments we put to them and this means industrial action is now inevit-

The unions have for some weeks been preparing a campaign of concerted action which includes disrupting government computer centres and collec-tion of revenues. They gave warning vesterday that air traffic and seaport personnel might also be involved.

The unions are guaranteeing striking members 85 per cent of gross salaries and estimate that a sustained dispute will cost them £300,000 a week. A fighting fund of more than £3m has been agreed

The unions' intention is to cause disruption for the Government which would have as little impact as possible on the public. They aim to block the collection of revenues, which would affect the Public

Sector Borrowing Requirement and money supply.

However, they would not rule out action in the depart-ments of health and social security and employment. '

US marine found guilty as Vietnam traitor

Camp Lejeure, North Carolina, Feb 5.—Marine Corps Private First Class Robert R. Garwood, the only Vietnam reteran to be tried as a traitor, was found guilty today of collaborating with the enemy and assaulting another American prisoner. The decision could put him in prison for life. The five-member jury of Marine Corps officers, all of

them Victnam veterans, deliberand for more than 12 hours hefore reaching their verdict: It came almost two years after Private Garwood passed a note to a foreigner in a Hanoi restaurant saving he wanted to return home.

The charge of assaulting an American prisoner of war in a Vietcong prison camp was reduced from an original charge of maltreating another prisoner.

Index-linked pensions needed in private sector, report suggests

By David Felton
Labour Reporter
An inquiry into the value of inflation-proofed pensions covering five million public service workers has concluded that there would be justice in extending index-linked pensions to workers in the private sector.

The report of the inquiry.

The report of the inquiry, headed by Sir Bernard Scott, deputy chairman of Lloyds Bank and former chairman of Locas Industries, which was published yesterday, also suggested that it may be necessary for 580,000 white-oller civil servents to any white-collar civil servants to pay higher contributions for their pensions.

A wide range of state employees, including local government workers, teachers, miners, purses, the police, and other nationalized industry workers are covered by indexibided reprion agreements. The linked pension agreements. The scheme, which was introduced in 1974, cost £3,230m last year, with £1,300m of that figure covering past and present pension increases. sion increases.

In suggesting that the Government should examine the possibility of making index-linked bonds available on the linked bonds available on the money markets to fund inflation-proofing of pensions outside the public sector, the report said: "It is a highly desirable social objective that the standard of living of those in retirement should be protested."

The report points to the fact that that is recognized in countries such as France and West Germany where benefits to pensioners are superior to those in Britain and index-linking applies to public and private sectors. private sectors.

Introducing the report yester-day, Sir Bernard said he saw no reason why index linking of pensions should necessarily be inflationary if contributions were pitched at the right level. On that point the report said : "Good pensions, like anything else, have to be earned and paid for during working life and the burden to be shouldered over the next 20 years will steadily

grow:

"If as a society we fail to face these realities we shall find that the precept that 'it is a highly desirable social objective that the standard of living of those in retirement should be protected' will be but an empty phrase", it said. Sir Bernard denied that the committee had exceeded its

been unable to decide, in calculating contributions, what value should be attached to the value should be attached to the job security of public service workers. "We started off [by thinking] that they should be regarded as having more security than those in the private sector and then we looked at the horrifying cutbacks at British Steel and elsewhere and we decided that we simply could not reach a decision," he said. "I doubt whether any inquiry could produce such a result."

The committee was estab-

The committee was established in May last year after an announcement in the Commons by the Prime Minister. Its terms of reference were to inquire into the value of differences in the inflation protection of occupational pensions and the value of relative job security for the purposes of determining public sector pay and other conditions of service.

Other members of the committee, which took evidence from 200 organizations and infrom 200 organizations and individuals, were Sir Alexander
Jarratt, chairman and chief executive of Reed International,
Mr Gavin Laird, executive
council member of the
Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, Mr Robert
Macdonald, general manager of
the Scottish Mutual Assurance
Society, and Professor Harold
Rose, who is group economic Rose, who is group economic adviser to Barclays Bank.

The committee appointed Professor R. A. Brealey and Dr S. D. Hodges, of the London Business School, to examine the question of uncertainty over future inflation rates suffered by private sector employees and, although the committee disagreed with their assumption of negative real rates of return on investments, it thought their "novel approach" was of considerable interest and merited serious consideration.

The report points out that the Wilson committee of inquity into the City and financial institutions was evenly divided on the question of issuing indexed bonds for pension funds, but says: "We suggest that the Government should look seriously at the case for issuing indexed bonds to cover pension liabilities" The report continues: "In

our work, if we have been forcibly reminded that the main Continued on page 2, col 1

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Somalia: world's worst refugee crisis

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Every day another 3,000 refugees leave the Ogađen in Ethiopia. They flee to Somalia, an underdeveloped and poor country where one person in every three is a refugee. They wait in makeshift camps for governments to decide their fate. They could be there for a

very long time. The camps are grotesquely overcrowded. Food supplies are uncertain and there is a constant fear of cholera or typhoid epidemics. Oxfam field workers report that the situation is almost out of hand. Just one failure in the

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should reflate the economy by increased public spending was rejected by the Prime Minister. Opening a Commons debate, she said that her Government's fight against inflation was the only way to eventual prosperity

New terror in Italy

huilding contractor

Italian police arrested the suspected leader of the Frima Lines terrorist organization after a shoot-out in Turin. In an upsurge of violence in Milan Red Brigades gunmen seized a factor foreman and kidnapped the wife of a

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Police 'race squads' move supported

The idea being considered by the Home Office of special police units to deal with racialist attacks was welcomed by an Oldham community worker. The main cause of growing violence, he said, was high unemployment among young people in run-down areas Page 4

Uplift for crumbs A new way of treating breadcrombs has revolutionized the flagging commercial crumb market and development work has started to introduce "novelty coatings" and only for seafood and poultry but for cakes, desserts and confectionery Page 17

How siege PC hid gun Police Constable Trever Lock, who was in the Iranian Embassy in London during the siege, described how for four days be declined opportunities in wash himself hecause he feared the pistol he was hiding would be discovered Page 5.

Witness sent to jail

A hunt saboteur who appeared in court es chief prosecution witness against members of a hare-coursing accused of assaulting anti-bunt demon-strators was jailed after refusing to acce to be bound over to keep the peace for two years

France open talks

the Muldle East peace initiative and world affairs Page 6

2,000 jobs lost

Diary: Down ruemory lane to

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any concession in rejecting the TUC's demand for reflation

Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday publicly rejected the call from the TUC to reflate the economy by increased public spending, saying that the centre piece of the Government's strategy remained the conquest of inflation.

Opening a debate in the Commons on her economic and industrial policies, the Prime. Minister said that to spend another £4,700m as the TUC was proposing, would take the Government in a completely opposite direction.

If the union proposals were financed honestly, they would lead to increased borrowing and higher interest rates, which would damage industry's chances of recovery. If they were not financed honestly, and Mrs Thatcher said that was much more likely, the proposals would put the nation on the road to hyperinflation.

While acknowledging that the unemployment figures highlighted a human tragedy as well as a tragic waste of resources, and that there was growing concern at the continuing high level of unemployment, Mrs Thatcher told the House that the fight against inflation was far more than a worthy end in itself. It was the only way that the other economic goals could be achieved.

Minister's firm reaffirmation

benches who are urging a change of course in the interests of the unemployed.

The TUC and the Labour Party, she said, were urging the Government to go down the same old path that had been tried unsuccessfully in the past. Their proposals amounted to a buge injection of money into the economy that would take us into still higher inflation, with no prospect of imemployment ever being reduced.

Emphasizing the need for industry to become more competitive, she said that inability to compete was one of the main orders.

The TUC's economic review for this year suggested that the unions had not learnt that

With little new to tell the House and with her message. that the nation must continue to take its medicine without much sugar for the foreseeable future. Mrs Thatcher's speech was inevitably a low-key affair. She announced however, two

new enterprise zones for the North, in Hartlepool and in Kirkby near Wakefield.

Mrs Thatcher went on to say that things could not be put right without some pain in the

Stripped of the verbiage, the Prime Minister said, the call There was little in the Prime for massive extra spending of linister's firm reaffirmation money the country did not have of government policies to cheer meant that Labour's policy was those MPs on her own side of to create a new round of infla-

That was forgetting that the present unemployment was partly caused by the last round of inflation. The inflationary dose would have to be repeated in ever larger quantities and at ever shorter intervals.

Looking on the brighter side, Mrs Thatcher pointed out that, without controls on prices or incomes, inflation was coming down and wage settlements were moderating. For the first time for many years there was the chance to move into expan-sion without those inbuilt distortions to correct and with our own secure supply of energy.

Mrs Thatcher may not exactly have set the Commons afire with oratorical fervour, but Mr Michael Foot, the Leader of the Opposition, delivered a speech of such muddled complexity that even his warmest admirers

must have despaired. He accused Mrs Thatcher of failing to understand the scale of the crisis and said unem ployment was far greater than she was prepared to admit. Her accounts of how the country was escaping were too optimistic and, although she might succeed in bringing down inflation the country of the c tion, the result of her policies for industry and employment

would be catastrophic.

The debate ended with the Commons' approval of the Government's economic and industrial policies after the rejection of an Opposition amendment by 309 votes to 240. government majority of 69.

Parliamentary report, page 10

Prime Minister refuses to offer | Liberal MP's warning to social democrats not being taken as insuperable obstacle

By Fred Emery Political Editor

A Liberal MP's warning to the emerging social democrats that they could have no alliance with his party if all they intended was a "rehash" of the Labour Party was not being taken last night as indicating share those fears. He does, howdifficulties for the new group-

Mr Cyril Smith, MP for Rochdale, making much of the fact that he was speaking with the authority of Mr David Steel, the party leader, said on the BBC's World at One pro-gramme: "If in fact what they are trying to create is a Labour Party mark II . . . there will not be an alliance."

enthusiastic about a fourth the Labour dissidents much party. But it is understood that leave their party, and if they do not, the Liberals must press on Mr. Smith has never been signified his agreement with Mr alone. Steel's strategy of working to Seco

By Ian Bradley
Social democratic candidates
could win 13 seats and Liberals

could win 10 in the South-west

to a survey carried out by the regional branch of the Social

Democratic Alliance (SDA).

The survey calculates that there are 23 seats in that region

which could be won by an alliance of social democrats and

Liberals. The calculations are based on findings by national opinion polls that about 38 per

cent of the electorate would support such an alliance,

Protest on

Mr Powell

choice of

wards an alliance with the reach agreement on a common social democrars.

However, Mr Smith has also expressed his suspicion that the Labour dissidents might harm the Liberals, and deep down, difficulty on key policy priori-nurture the idea that they rep-resent the "true" Labour Stage three is to decide the Party.

Mr Steel does not apparently ever, in a strategy letter to about 200 Liberal candidates, confirmed the policy he has several times set out on the record. It is the first formal guidance he has given to Liberal candidates already chosen.

Mr Steel makes clear that he welcomes, and that all Liberals should welcome, any "moves to break the existing political mould. However, he outlines a three-phase approach. First, the Labour dissidents must

Country as one of their strongest

Mr Roy Morris, a former Labour member of Bristol City

Council and now south-west organizer of the SDA, who conducted the survey, said that he thought there would be few

constituencies where there would be clashes between Liberals and social democrats about who should stand.

He expected social democrats would stand in Exeter, the three

The suggestion that social Plymouth seats, Bristol and most agreement to avoid more than democrats would do better than of the Gloucestershire seats, a single candidate in any one Liberals in Devon, Cornwall, leaving Liberals to contest the constituency. So far his letter Dorset, Somerset, Avon and more rural seats in the region. has been well received by most

together for the rest of this Parliament. Mr Steel notes that he does "not anticipate much

Stage three is to decide 'the form of alliance. Mr Steel mentions bringing the social democrats "organically inside" one renamed party, but he suggests that it will not be accepted by either parmer.

He recommends instead a Liberal and social democratic alliance, in which each retains separate identity structure, and policies, while reaching "if possible, agreement not to have apposing candidates in any one Constituency ".

The latest such poll, in today's Now! magazine, suggests that is plausible for both Dr David Owen and Mr William Rodgers.

Dr Owen wins a notional four-Second, they must try to way contest in his Plymouth,

were strong were not being encouraged to form their own

party and put up candidates. However, he was worried by the

formation of a Democratic Group, which includes former Labour Party members and dissident Tories, in West Wilt-

Earlier this week Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, wrote to the party's 200 selected par-

lia tentary candidates suggesting a Liberal and social

democratic alliance with an

annoy Liberals, who have tradi-tionally regarded the West were strong were not being

Devonport, constituency with 55 per cent when he is the named social democratic candidate. with 25 per cent for the Conservative 16 per cent for the Labour and 4 per cent for the Liberal candidates). But as the alliances named candidate he is

returned with 61 per cent. In the Stockton-on-Tecs conspiruency Mr Rodgers wins a four-way contest with 41 per cent (with Labour 28 per cent. Conservative 22 per cent, and Liberal 9 per cent). As the alliance candidate his vote rises

In both cases an alliance candidate is shown as winning, by smaller margins, even when no identities are involved. The poll Audience Selection, was

to 51 per cent.

taken last Saturday.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour's shadow education secretary, last night announced as "pink Teryism" the objectives of the Council for Social Democracy. He derided the list of 100 supporters published yesterday.

There is opposition to the proposal from senior Liberal members of Liverpool City Council, on which the party

has minority control, as well as among the grass root

members. Geoffrey Smith, page 14

after Townsend Thoresen settled with the NUS, freeing

the two ferries halted at South-

ampton. The NUS maintains

that the deal was equivalent to a 14.3 per cent increase but

the council declared that it was firmly in line with its own 12

clear yesterday that it was seeking from the council signi-

wards its claim for overtime

payments at a rate of time and

Mr Swire said yesterday that

the council would certainly be going to the talks and added:

The NUS continued to make

further movement to-

per cent guidelines.

said yesterday.

The type of activity permit was "deliberately modelimited to appeals, collections." competitions, entertainment Survey suggests seats alliance party might win bazars, and would not pro-unfair competition for voluntary sector, he told seminar in London.

In brief

Hospital's 16th

heart transplant

Surgeons at Papworth h pital, near Cambridge, carri

out their sixteenth heart tra

plant yesterday. Mr Dan Carroll, aged 48, a father five, from Kingston Ro Wimbledon, was said to breathing on his own, with

The operation, led by

night and lasted 5 hours

Fund-raising in NHS

New powers given in circular to health authoritie

raise funds were not a threa charities and the voluntary

tor, Sir George Young, Un.

Secretary of State for Hea

no threat to charities

Terence English, began at n

minutes. Mr Carroll works

new heart working well.

London company.

Widow to seek order who won a by-election for the Liberals in Liverpool, Edge Hill, from Labour in 1979, has Mirs Jean Lawrence, a wid who is squatting in her be backed a call for a secret ballot among the 2,000 members of the Edge Hill Liberal Association on whether they in Basiogstoke, Hampshire, cause ber holiday ten refused to move out, is to s a possession order. should change the title to the Liberal and Social Democrat

ants have announced that twill seek such an order. Leading article, page

Prince visits Cambrid A visit by Prince Edward Cambridge University yes may follow in his elf brother's footsteps and ap to the university for a pl He is in the sixth form Gordonstoun.

Thatcher aide resign Mr Richard Ryder, aged political secretary to the Pr it was announced yesterday. s to do research on a boo Washington and is consider stadiog for Parliament in next general electio.

Millionth passenger

Air Europe, the British I day sirline, which has beer operation for 20 months, can its millionth passenger of Boeing 737 flight from Gate airport to Malta yesterday. was Mrs Margaret Moore, a 63, of Tunbridge Wells, Ken

Trawler in tow

"Maybe the logjam has broken The British trawler, Ar lea, which had been drifting the Western Isles after a l-Lamb imports lost: Supplies of New Zealand: lamb have been tyre became wrapped round propeller, was taken in tow night. The tyre had been to try to correct a rudder for

> Student murder chars Ian Bealey, aged 31, a fac charge hand, of Okehami Road, Exeter, was remanded custody for eight days by Ex-magistrates yesterday accu-of the murder of Virg Maunder, aged 20, a student

A man who survived w his car went over a cliff Portland, Dorset, on Wednes

Cliff fall driver named

was named vesterday as Derek Jennings, aged 47, Burton Bradstock, Dorset.

Body identified

A body found washed up Beachy Head, near Eastbour was yesterday identified as t of Mr Roger Laidlow, aged of Littlefield Close, Sell West Sussex.

Date of fish aid review advanced

Correspondent

Ministers tried to meet fishermen's demands for more sid yesterday by bringing for-ward the annual March review of the industry at which subsidy claims are examined. Mrs Margaret Thatcher said after a Cabiner discussion on the subject that the review date had been changed because the industry faced a "grave crisis".

It is almost certain that sub-sidies will be continued after the end of the financial year in March, but initial payments will be much less than the £30m considered necessary by some boat owners. State subsidies to the fishing industry in the present financial year will be worth more than £37m.

The Cabinet heard from Mr week with the French and let British ministers know eter Walker, Minister of Dutch governments and with result of his inquiries.

objective of public policy must

be to beat inflation, we have also been reminded of the seri-

a high proportion of the private

sector are not good enough. This is so even allowing for the

state scheme which comes into

fact that the private sector em-

ployee cannot acquire a pension

that has a guarantee of infla-

that has a guarantee or infla-tion-proofing on any terms. Especially during this present period of recession and econo-mic stringency, the feeling of infustice so widely held in the

private sector must be recog-

Turning to the question of pensions contributions made by

civil servants, the report says that the deduction for white-collar workers should be between 3 and 81 per cent. The deduction in 1980; calculated

"In the meantime, it is a

Continued from page 1

full effect in 1998.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, that fishermen faced a confinu-ing cost-price squeeze which would not be alleviated by early agreement in the EEC about a common fisheries policy.

Mr Walker said after the meeting that early action was necessary because of "recent developments affecting returns to the fishing industry. He added: "During the past year the industry has been confronted with a range of serious economic problems in the absence of an agreement for a common fisheries policy."

common fisheries policy .. The latest government action reflects pessimism about the resumes on Monday, about a common EEC policy. Mr Walker and other ministers have had talks about fish this

Pension report displeases Mrs Thatcher

ous concern that pensions over tributions made by civil ser- tion from the Prime Minister vants, the total deduction from to reach conclusions bostile to

cent. That compares with the

contribution of 7.9 per cent

made by civil servants which,

says the report, is twice as high as contributions paid by workers in comparable jobs in

workers in comparable jobs in the private sector.
It eccepts the suggestion of the Covernment Actuary that there should be more public scrutiny of the pensions com-parison exercise and that he should be allowed to make wider use of professional actuarial bodies as a forum for discussion.

Trade union reaction to the

report was generally favourable.
Mr Geoffrey Drain, general secretary of the National and Local
Government Officers Associa-

senior officials of the European Senior officials of the European Commission.
Dutch review: Mr Gerrit Braks, The Netherlands Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, is to look again at the way Dutch fish is reaching Britain at low prices (Our Parliamentary Staff

reports).
Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith,
Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, told the Commons standing committee on the Fisheries Bill yesterday that Mr Braks had told him firmly on Wednesday night in London that he had no knowledge of fish being with-drawn from sale in The Nether-

by the Government Actuary as tion, said: "A hand-picked in-

the value to civil servants of quiry, having no particular index-linking, was 3.8 per cent. sympathy with the public sector When added to other contributions made by civil sertion from the Prime Minister

pensionable pay should be with it, has produced a responsible in the range of 7 to 131 per report."

lands at below the minimum price, resold and exported. He had been unequivocal about that, but had promised to look at the matter again and to

The Prime Minister's dis-

appointment at the inconclusive

nature of the Scott report was

not concealed in Whitehall yesterday (Our Political Editor

When setting up the inquiry she had indicated that she hoped the exercise would pro-

duce a simple answer to the

tions by civil servants. In the face of the dense complexities of the comparisons now re-

ported, more consideration will be needed before action can be

Leading article, page 15

By Our Political Staff

Lord Avebury, the Liberal Party's spokesman on race rela-tions and immigration, pro-tested yesterday to Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour Party to recommend to the Committee of Selection that Mr Enoch Powell, Official Ulster Unionist MP for Down, South, should be appointed to the standing comittee that is to examine the Nationality Bill

The Liberals had put for-ward the name of Mr. David Alton, MP for Liverpool, Edge Hill, to be a member of the committee as a representative of the minority parties. Since the Liberals have no member on the Committee of Selection, they have to rely on the recom-mendations of the Labour

"I was horrified and amazed to learn that Mr Enoch Powell, known and must be as objection able to you as they are to me, has been appointed to serve on the Nationality Bill standing committee as a result of the deicsion of your whips". Lord Avebury wrote to Mr Hatters-

Mr Philip Holland, Conserva-tive MP for Carlton and chairman of the Committee of Selec-tion, said last night that both names had been discussed by the committee.

It was found that Mr Alton was elready serving on the standing committee examining the British Telecommunications Bill. It was not the custom to Leading article, page 15 put a member on two standing Financial Editor, page 19 committees at the same time.

Seamen's union to meet employers Newcastle upon Type that when The Acas move came the day

By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

The first move for nearly a nonth towards a possible settle ment of the seamen's dispute came yesterday when talks between the two sides were arranged for tomorrow by the Advisory, Conciliation a Arbitration Service (Acas).

The General Council of British Shipping and the National Union of Seamen will attend talks at the invitation of Acas, chaired by Mr Dennis Boyd, the agency's chief negotiator. Provision has been made for the talks to last at least two days. .

The peace move came a few hours before Mr Adrian Swire, president of the shipping councit, gave a gloomy warning of the trading effects of the dis-pute and said that the British shipping industry was now at a watershed. The industry could either consolidate its competi-tive position or "go fast downhill ". he said.

Mr Swire told a dinner of the council's North-east district in a compromise,

the strike was over there would be far fewer British ships and far fewer orders for new ships. Far more British ships will be sold to foreign owners and the resultant position of the NUS members will be infinitely worse than it was before the strike started."

Mr Swire told a press con-ference in Newcastle that the union had consistently refused to ballot their members on the council's 12 per cent pay offer and added: "We believe the reason that they have refused is that they could lose. The men are being misled."

Although Acas has maintained informal contact between the two sides since the begin-ning of the dispute, which has led to the halting of about 200 ships in ports across the world, this weekend's talks will be the first since negotiations col-lapsed on January 10.

It was assumed in Whitehall

vesterday that Mr Boyd had formed the impression that there might be some room for reduced sharply by the sea-men's strike, FMC the largest meat company in Europe, said yesterday It predicted that imports would be cut by between 16,000 and 20,000 tonnes in the

first two months of this year

Cost of EEC food tax 'to reach £2m'

By Our Agriculture

Food importers said yesterday that the weekly cost to British shoppers of the EEC tax on food would exceed £2m for the first time next week. The : United Kingdom Provision: Trade Federation said that acut in the tax would soon be reflected in price cuts on such feods as butter, bacon, ham and

It added: "The rapid increase in the value of the pound has highlighted one of the absurdities of the common

More criticism

of Bill on

of imported foods: The increase next week would mean that the tax would

agricultural policy system." The it is not beyond the wit of those tax on food accounted for an increasing fraction of the prices elimination of the excesses", it

Farmers' plea : Farmers yester-day called for tax relief on sub-

would mean that the tax would account for almost 15p in the price of eyery pound of butter, which were for a minimum of abbot, the provide About half of the English eaten in Britain is impossed. The perfect attent in Britain is impossed to said the fax would state the fax would state of a pound of Ched dar cheese. Tax rates for bacon and tinned ham would be appeared to stop selling milk. The class appeared in a long list in the price of a pound of Ched and tinned ham would be appeared to stop selling milk. The class appeared in a long list in the price of a pound of Ched and tinned ham would be appeared to stop selling milk. The class appeared in a long list in the price of a pound of Ched and the price of a pound of Ched and tinned ham would be appeared to stop selling milk. The class appeared to stop selling milk.

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Channel Islands, SW and NW England, Wales: Mosily cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, hill and

intervals, showers, turning wintry; wind W, strong to gale; max temp 5° to 7°C (41° to

Print unions reject 'Times' proposals by Mr Murdoch

Labour Editor

Trade union opposition to Mr Rupert Murdoch's terms papers grew yesterday when leaders of the two main printing unions formally rejected redundancy proposals. The national council of the National Graphical Association,

National Graphical Association, the craft union, unanimously insisted that they would not accept compulsory redundancies. Nor would they acede to News International's suggestion of a 12-month pay The executive council of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa) also rejected the scale and method of reducing the labour force. Natsopa

leaders joined the NGA in demanding that the printing of the three weekly supplements should be retained at Gray's Mr George Jerrom, national officer of the NGA said: "We will continue to make what progress we can. We hope the com-pany will see the value of what

we are saying and moderate their position in order that the titles can be kept going." Hopes of a breakthrough in

Murdoch's management now rest on a meeting between News International and the newspaper union general secretaries on Monday, when the central issues

disputes procedure guaranteeing continuous production will be Leaders of the NGA. Natsona and the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades meet this afternoon to draw up counterproposals on a disputes pro-cedure that would curb un-official walkouts, without (in Mr Jerrom's words) "hanging the innocent as well as the guilty". News International has sought so far to introduce "penalty clauses" that would involve loss of pay for workers other than those directly in-

of redundancies, pay and a

volved in an unofficial dispute. Mr Owen O'Brien, general secretary of Natsopa, said last night: "Mr Murdoch is a practical man, and he must know as well as I know that the reduction in staff being put forward is completely unacceptward is comparing unaccep-able." Cutbacks of up to 50 per cent in some areas have been proposed, with the company reserving its right to impose redundancies where there were insufficient volunteers.

Drugs raid on Bristol café not botched, policeman says

. A police officer told Bristol Crown Court yesterday that he had no regrets about the drink and drugs raid which started the St Paul's riot in Bristol last April. He said the raid had

April. He said the raid had been worth it.

Detective Sergeant Kelvin Hattersley, of the drugs squad, was being crossexamined on the third day of the trial of 12 people charged with riotous assembly. They have pleaded not mills. not guilty.

Mr Hattersley was asked by

Mr Edward Rees, a defence counsel, whether he thought the discovery of three quarters of a pound of cannabis in the Black and White Café, which resulted in the arrest of one man, who received a suspended prison sentence, had justified the raid. The ensuing riot led to £250,000 of damage, Mr Rees

Sergeant Hattersley replied "Yes", Sergeant Hattersley replied. "The raid was worth it." Mr Rees asked: "You are not, a fool, are you?" The officer replied: "No, sir." "In the end, this raid was completely hotched, was it not?" Mr Rees asked. "No, it went off as planned", the officer replied.

He agreed, however, that it

clothes, who more than anyone else caused the trouble initially. clothes, who more than anyone else caused the trouble initially. Until they were seen leaving the cafe there had been only a bit of jostling while the illegal alcohol was being removed.

Other drug squad officers were called as wimesses by the prosecution. They described how a group of about fifty youths started to chase them when they left the cafe.

Det Constable Jonathan Clarke said that he heard a youth shouring: "He has got the dope". The police officer was kicked many times, he said, as also were the other policemen with him.

Because they found they were cut off, they decided to retrace their steps. They came under a heavy barrage of bricks, tiles and a breeze block as they tried to leave in a police car, he said.

Police Constable Timothy

Police Constable Timothy Evans told the court how the drove the car away from the scene under a hail of missiles. The windscreen was smashed, so he was steering with one hand and shielding his face with the other.

As he drove off, a brick which came through the wind-

screen smashed his watch and

attempted crime By Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent
The proposed new law
making is a crime to interfere with cars could have "a deva-stating effect" on community relations, the National Associa-tion of Probation Officers told the House of Commons standing

committee on the Criminal Attempts Bill yesterday.

The new crime has been put into the Bill partly to replace the much-criticized "sus" law, which the Bill would abolish. Representatives of the association, however, said in a memorandum that the proposed interference offence " rould interference offence "would virtually require a defendant to prove his innocence, and courts would be required to decide the criminality or otherwise of observed actions capable of several different interpreta-

tions, including innocent ones."

Similar criticism was voiced by Mrs Leah Harvey and Mrs Prendergast, chairman and deputy chairman of the South Central Division, Inner London Magistrates' Court, and Lady Mitchell, a West London Division magistrate.

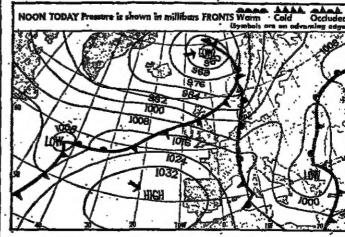
The National Council for Civil Liberties and the "Scrap Sus" campaign added their weight to the body of criminal opinion.

Another part of the Bill, on attempts to commit "impossible" crimes, came under equally strong attack from two
distinguished academic witmesses, Professor Glauville.
Williams, QC, of Cambridge
University, and Professor J. C.
Smith, of Nortingham Univer-

sity.

I think it demonstrable that the Bill, if passed in its present form, will put money into the pockets of lawyers without social recompense, waste the time of the courts and reduce the law to confusion until such time as judical decisions have restored some certainty to it", Professor Glapville Williams

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

occasional rain of drizzle, hill and perhaps coastal fog; wind W, fresh to strong; max temp 10° to 11°C (50° to 52°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Outbreaks of rain, becoming clearer with scattered showers; wind W, strong; max temp 8° to 10°C (46° to 50°F).

Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland; Sunny intervals, Showers, burning Moon rises: Moon sets: 7.2 pm First Quarter: February 11. High type 1: 7-20 pm to 6.59 am.

High water: London Bridge, 2.40
am, 7.3m; 3.05 pm, 7.5m. Avonmouth, 8.13 am, 13.5m; 8.34 pm,
13.5m. Dover, 11.49 am, 6.5m;
Hull, 7.16 am, 2.4m; 7.26 pm,
7.8m. Liverpool, 12.15 pm, 9.7m.

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land and a frontal trough will-London, SE and Central S

Outlook for fomorrow and England, East Anglia, Midlands:
Rather cloudy, mostly dry, a few rain in most areas; becoming sunny intervels; wind W, fresh; max temp 11° to 12°C (52° 10 Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind W, strong perhams galary Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

Pressure is low to the N of Scot-

E, Central N and NE England: Mostly dry at first, a few minny intervals, occasional rain later;

sunday: Mild and windy with
rain in most areas; becoming
brighter and less mild on Sunday.
Sea passages: S North Sea:
Wind W, strong, perhaps gate
later; sea rough or very rough.
Straits of Dover, English
Channel (E): Wind W, fresh or
strong; sea rough. WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, Akrotint (18 59
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Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to pm, 10°C (50°F); min 6 pm to am, 3°C (37°F). Humidity, 6 pm 76 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm mil. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.1hr. B mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,013 millibars, rising.
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Flight patterns will be cur-tailed and flying over certain built-up areas prohibited to pro-tect those living near the airdesigned to control the use of port. No runway extensions will the airport, which has been be allowed and there are additional restrictions on the use of the two north-south runways.

Noise levels and weight The council also wants an end restrictions will be imposed on to unauthorized buildings and

In exchange for the agreement, the council has granted planning permission for new hangars and improvements to the airfield and to the Sunday market, which is to be restricted to between 8am and 2pm. There will be no Wednesday market.

The cauacil will no longer be bound to buy the airport under a long-standing notice, and proceedings in the lands trib-unal are being withdrawn.

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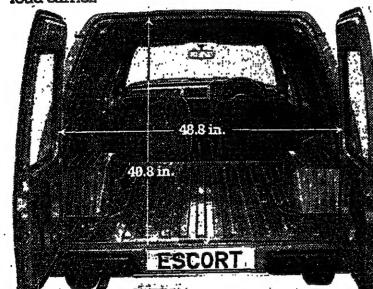
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Although less advanced, this system is better for a van because it gives superior handling with half a ton in the back. And intrudes less into the load space. It's also very simple to maintain.

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Way found for hospital Bill aims at patients to question a clinical judgment

tion yesterday gave over-damages would still be handled whelming approval to a new through the medical defence procedure to allow patients to bring complaints about a hospital doctor's clinical judg-

The procedure has been described by the Association of Community Health Councils as "a kind of Star Chamber arrangement".

A London teaching hospital consultant has called it "a charter to protect the doctor", while the executive of the Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association, which represents 4,000 of the 13,000 consultants, has suggested that a lay man be involved and gave warning that unless the pro-cedure is seen to be fair by both doctors and patients there will be trouble.

The BMA's hospital doctors committee approved the pro-cedure by 45 votes to 2. The votes against came from a regional committee that felt the procedure was unnecessary. It will now go to the Department of Health, where it is expected to be incorporated in a circular being prepared about patients' complaints generally. Mr David Bolt, chairman of the Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, said yesterday that the procedure was as far as the profession was prepared to go at present. It would meet the most virulent complaint from patients, that no one will tell patients, that no one will tell man sit in judgment on them them anything when they try on entirely technical matters. If the procedure became anteed access to the conpublic, doctors would be forced sultant in charge of their case.

Safeguards on data

During the committee stage know about data banks being of the British Telecommunica- used; the information was ob-

tions Bill he said there was tained lawfully, was accurate great anxiety among operators and under a time limit; the of data banks in Britain that banks be limited in purpose

might prevent information coming to places like Britain that did not have such laws.

There was a very strong

many months, were made in matter of urgency. The time response to an appeal by Mr is long overdue for legislation lan Mikardo, Labour MP for Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, for protection for in-

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Further details and arrangements for home val

banks under study

The storing of information in

computers in Britain and the protection of the public are being examined by the Govern-

ment as a matter of urgency, Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Information Technology, said

countries with protection laws might prevent information com-

There was a very strong commercial reason for dealing with the matter and the

Government was considering it and the whole question of public protection as a matter

Mr Eaker's comments, the

first statement of government

intention on data protection for

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of urgency.

Under the procedure, the patient would first complain to the consultant in charge of his case. If he was not satisfied with the explanation, his com-plaint would be put in writing and the regional medical officer would be informed. If his ad-vice did not lead to satisfaction, the RMO, where he thinks it appropriate, would refer the case to two independent con-

They would discuss the case with the consultant and the patient, attempt to satisfy the patient if they felt clinical judgment had been exercised responsibly, and make a con-fidential report to the RMO. If they felt there had been

difficulties they would discuss them with the hospital staff and explain it to patient, as far and explain it to patient, as far as appropriate, how it was hoped to prevent recurrences. The patient would not be given a detailed report, but the local district administrator would write to him setting out any action taken, taking the RMO's advice on what would be appropriate comment on the clinical matters involved. matters involved.

Mr Boit said yesterday that

he took the point that dis-satisfied patients might still feel there had been a cover-up. The profession could not agree, however, to having a layinto practising defensive medi-The procedure is intended to cine to ensure that they could deal with complaints where not be found at fault. The cost there is no suggestion that a would be enormous and would dactor has been negligent but "bring the health service down where the patient is dissatisfied around our ears".

EEC countries

He called for safeguards to

ensure that: the public would know about data banks being

Computer companies, the medical profession and civil libertarians have been urging

the Government to take action.

Yesterday Miss Patricia Hewitt, general secretary of the

Liberties, said: "It is not good enough for the Government to

say it is considering this as a

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easy access for disabled people Our Political Staff

A Bill to improve the access of disabled people to public buildings, introduced in the Commons by Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru MP for Caernarfon, was published yesterday. It has all-party support and comes up for second reading on February 13, being third in the list of private member's Bills to be

considered that day.

It would ensure that developers of buildings to which the public have access, when they are notified of consents, would have their attention drawn to the requirements of the British Standards code of practice for access for disabled people to public buildings defined in the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, 1970. The Bill would also make

new provisions for the needs of disabled people, particularly the blind, to be taken into occount when local authorities undertake work on pavements and highways.

A Commons motion asking

the Government to support the Bill has been signed by more than 50 MPs.

Mr John Grant, MP for Islington, Central, and Opposition spokesman on employthan 50 MPs.

Mr John Grant, MP for Islington, Central, and Opposition spokesman on employment, told members of the Woolwich Labour Party last night that the disabled were always disproportionately affecten when unemployment was high.

He said that on Japuary 13 Mrs Margaret Thatcher told the Commons that "we do not intend to cut services for the disabled". Those were her disabled". Those were her disabled ". Those were her disabled" be went on to call for more voluntary effort from disabled people to help themselves.

That was her customary style of passing the buck, Mr Grant said. "What she said about cuts was a quite disgraceful lie which could only have been calculated to mislead

"It is utterly unbelievable that she was unaware of what was going on. Indeed, disabled

> tested openly to her. "Let her talk to any local authority social services depart-ment and hear of the struggle

they are having to try to safe-guard services for the disabled, often unsuccessfully."

and job placings for the dis-abled had dropped by half. The Manpower Services Com-mission's budget and staff had people's organizations have pro-

Since the general election, Mr though that appalling prospect Grant said, a quarter more dishad so far been avoided.

"All this is happening in the name of government economies, and no junketing at 10 Downing Street with disabled people's been viciously slashed. It had representatives can disguise the been forced to consider saving fact", he said. "It is the more staff to meet the Government, not the hardment's targets by scrapping its employment rehabilitation work, be placed in the dock."

to the status of the Social and Political Science Committee, set towards a new social and poli-tical science faculty. All progress since then has been blocked and the 12 social and political science dons wonder how seriously the university

New dispute

over status of

A decision not to upgrade an

assistant lecturer in social

psychology has led to a second

dispute at Cambridge Univer-

sity and exposed the unofficial status of social and political science teaching at the univer-

The university has rejected an application and two appeals from Dr David Ingleby, an assistant lecturer and fellow of Darwin College, for upgrading

Darwin College, to appearing to a permanent post. The university's English faculty is in disarray after Dr Colin MacCabe, an assistant lecturer

in English, was not upgraded.
Dr Ingleby has claimed there

were serious breaches of academic justice in the procedures used to review his case. He said the appointments committee had not included academics in social psychology and one of his internal assessors was a man known to be hostile to his work.

The case has drawn attention to the status of the Social and

Cambridge

lecturer

By Paul Flather of The Times Higher Education Supplement

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Without faculty status the committee has weak represent-ation within the university hier-

and political science lecturers has undermined the appeals of Dr Ingleby, who has received the support of all his colleagues, about 90 students and a wide range of academics, including Professor Charles Taylor, of All Souls College, Oxford.

GLC complains to auditor over Lambeth

By Our Local Government Correspondent
The Greater London Council

is to complain to the district auditor about the alleged misspending of Lambeth ratepayers' money on "misleading political documents".

Mr Richard Brew, deputy leader of the council, which is Lambeth's largest ratepayer, said yesterday that he had instructed officials to make the complaint.

Mr Brew, leader of the GLC policy and resources commitee, said the documents failed to give an accurate picture of why Lambeth was asking its ratepayers to pay such exorbit-

ant sums of money.

Lambeth council that the immediate reason for the supplementary 20p rate was that "through no fault of its own" it faced £11.2m overspending in the present financial year.

Mr Brew said that the GLC, like all Lambeth ratenavers. was entitled to receive basic that was "not blatantly party political or misleading".

The GLC's bill for Lambeth's

supplementary rate is £975,262, and its total rates bill for the year will be £7,992,272. Mr Brew pointed out that that figure compared with about £4,500,000 that would have been the bill if the GLC's properties

bappened to be situated over the boundary in Conservative controlled Wandsworth instead of in "the Marxist people's



Lord Geoffrey-Lloyd (with dog), chairman of the trustees of Leeds Castle, near Maidstone, Kent, escorting representatives of disability societies who were advising yesterday on making castle tours easier for the disabled

Idle hands turn to broken bricks in jobless mill towns

Racialism blamed on the recession

Oldham, with 20,000 members of ethnic minorities among its population of 224,000, an unemployment rate of 11 per cent, large tracts of derelict land, substandard housing and disused factories and mills, gave a cautious welcome to the Mr Mikardo told the Com-mons that such banks were of concern and a source of danger, and Britain should bring in laws of protection in line with other news that Mr William Whitelaw; the Home Secretary, had agreed to a study of racialist tensions in Britain.

Mr Keith Bradford, community relations officer for the Oldham Council for Racial Equality, an independent body, welcomed particularly the news that special police units would be considered to monitor racialist attacks

"I think the idea of special police units is excellent", he said. "We have porn squads and vice squads and drink-driv-ing squads, so why should we not have racialist violence squads?"

Mr Bradford said he hoped that the initiative begun at a meeting on Wednesday between from the Joint Committee against Recialism would produce results.

There were 20 cases of violent attacks and vandalism directed specifically against the immigrant community in Old-

Home Affairs Correspondent Bristol is among six places

listed in proposals pur to the Manpower Services Commission and the Commission for Racial Equality this week for expan-

sion of a pioneer training scheme for young blacks and

Under the scheme they are taught how to use keyboards for

typing, telex, word processing and data preparation. The com-pany running the scheme is part of Key Holdings Ltd, a group operating in 17 countries.

Miss Denise Abbott, youth employment officer at the Com-

mission for Racial Equality,

six in each of the three previous years. The 20 cases included stoning of young people in the streets, burning of garden gates, daubing of slogans on walls, throwing petrol bombs and attacks on Bengali temples and the offices of the local Bangla-

desh Association. Two cases have been repor-ted so far this year, both assaults on people of Pakistani

Mr Bradford said he thought that some of the incidents could be attributed to orchestrated action by political groups, but many arose because a large number of young people in the town were without work or any source of constructive activity. They threw stones at people with coloured skins and daubed swastikas and such letters as "NF" on walls, without neces-sarily belonging to a political

Insufficient credit was given to the police for their work in said: "I can see piles of brick combating such crimes, Mr and rubble from here. Where there are broken bricks lying around you can be pietty sure that the said of the proposed around you can be present the result of the proposed around you can be present the proposed around before the courts;

caused by a communications Whitney, Conservative MP for difficulty which his organiza. Wycombe, has asked Mr White-tion was trying to resolve, he law to include in the study those

The report by the Joint Committee against Racialism, which singled out Oldham for special ethnic minority groups for their ham last year, compared with attention, said that similar, own political purposes."

Training scheme for young blacks

But it was encouraging that

the kind of measures recommended by the Commission were being implemented inde-

pendently using existing pro-

visions. Mr Christopher Mayhew, the

former Labour minister, who is advising Key Holdings on its scheme, said: "This is for 16,

17 and 18 year olds. It is giving priority to the ethnic minority it is not exclusive; white trainees can join.

"We are planning to bring these centres where there is the

account of the disadvantage equal skill and equal attractive-experienced by young blacks ness, the black youngster will when looking for work.

white youngster.

Describing a pilot scheme at Acton, west London, as a success, Mr Mayhew said that Key Holdings was proposing six similar centres at Bristol, Smethwick Leicester, Bradford, somethwises in the Northwest.

somewhere in the North-west, probably Manchester, and in the Lewisham-Carford area of

The advantage of the scheme for the unemployed is that aptitude for the job is what

matters, not paper qualifica-tions, and the demand for skills

taught will increase with the growth in high technology, office techniques and communi-

possibly worse, incidents had occurred in parts of the city of Manchester and such towns as Preston, Blackburn and Dews-bury, all suffering acutely from

In Oldham and its surrounding mill towns unemployment has affected the immigrants as hard as the rest of the popula-

A high proportion of immi-grant workers in the old cotton towns have for many years been predominantly employed on night shifts, which were among the first jobs to disappear in the now almost non-existent Lancashire textile industry.

Towns such as Oldham have also suffered from acute industrial and housing dereliction. The local council esti-mated that it needed £3m to demolish or repair 140 derelict cotton mills ...

Looking out of his office winthat there will soon be people Mr Bradiord said he hoped before the courts; that there will soon be people that the initiative begun at a Some of the lack of confi-ready to pick them up and meeting on Wednesday between dence in the police of the throw them at somebody."

Mr Whitelaw and a delegation ethnic minority community was Study appeal: Mr Raymond

individuals and organizations who seek to generate dis-content and fear within the

Eight new regional directors will have no previous connexion franchise were accepted by the Independent · Broadcasting Authority (JBA) yesterday. The company was given until

IBA agrees changes in

the ATV franchise

which ATV will continue to hold the Midlands television

New arrangements under

By Kenneth Gosling

the end of January to meet six conditions imposed by the authority. They include the restructuring of ATV into two area boards to cover the new contract area of east and west Midlands and offering 49 per cent of the company's shares to outsiders, especially Midlands investors. They will have awo representatives on the main

board. The company's detailed proposals include the nomination of Lord Windlesham as managing director of the restructured company, and a separate chairman of the main board unconnected with ATV or its parent company, Associated

Communications Corporation. The west and east Midlands boards will also have chairmen having no connexion with either ATV or the corporation. When the 49 per cent share offer is made, consideration will

for the franchise, Midlands and Mercia.

be given to supporters of the

with ATV and in time the main board will consider finding a new name for the company. It will also consider creating an educational and arts trust. A new television centre will be built in the East Midlands and seven senior programme staff appointed. Further discussion about the

full implementation of the pro-posals is to take place, the IBA said last night, "Panorama" talks: Sir Jan

Trethowan, director-general of the BBC, has agreed to meet next Tuesday the secretaries of two unions with members in broadcasting to discuss the issues raised by the proposed Panorama television programme on the security services.

Mr Anthony Hearn, of the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs, and Mr Kenneth Ashton, of the National Union of Journalists, will express their members disquiet over claims that cuts were made on

River jobs plan condemned

Britain's farmworkers reacted angrily yesterday to a proposal that members laid off or made redundant should be used by water boards to maintain river and drainage systems. The plan, put forward by the Country Landowness Association, is being distrissed with water authorities.

Captain Harry Birbeck, chairman of the Internal Drainage Board in Norfolk, said boards were partly dependent on factors.

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republic of Lambeth ".

greatest amount of unemploy-ment among black youngsters. We know that, as between two said it was concerned at indica-tions that the Government was planning no provision to take youngsters of equal keenness. £35,000 bid fails to buy

gold throne and stool By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Sale Room Correspondent
A golden throne and footstool made in the second
quarter of the nineteenth century failed to find a buyer at
Southeby's Belgravia yesterday
and was bought in at £36,000.
That implies that there was a
genuine bidder prepared to
spend £35,000 on seating himself in such regal luxury; the
bidding started at £10,000.

Some mystery attaches to the pieces. Stylistically they clearly come from an Indian palace, but there were any number of maharajahs who might have wanted a somewhat Europeanized chair covered with gold, with lion finials, to boost their egos. Sotheby's say they have attempted to research its origin but failed. The piece was consigned to

them by a dealer acting as the agent of the present owner, who, they have been assured, bought the throne in Britain. There have been several dis-

putes over art works smuggled out of India in recent years, but Sotheby's say they baye had no inquiries from the Indian Gov-ernment on this piece. Although the throne and footstool are gloriously flashy items, it is the gold sheeting with which they are covered that really counts. The gold covering the two pieces is reputed to weigh more

than 7,000 grams, hence the estimate of £50,000-£80,000

put on the piece by Sotheby's. The sale of oriental works of art also contained a latenineteenth-century massive Indian silver salver (8,507, grams) at £5,000 (estimate £5,000-£7,000) and a massive urn and cover of similar date (7,238 grams), which was unsold at £2,100 (estimate £3,000-

at 22,100 (estimate 23,000-£4,000):

The sale in general proved unpredictable; there was little demand for furniture, but strong competition for famille rose and Canton ceramics. The sale totalled £91,285, with 46 per cent unsold, main accounted for by the throne. A sale of important English continental and American silver held by Christie's in New York

on Wednesday underlined the fact that for rarities the slip-page in bullion prices is of little importance. The sale totalled £171,950, with only 3 per cent unsold; English buyers secured a large proportion of the most important pieces.

The top price was \$60,000 (estimate \$30,000 to \$40,000) for a fine silver ewer made in London in 1674 and engraved with the contemporary arms of Charles Salusbury of Bachymbydd, co Denbigh, and his wife, Elizabeth. The London dealer, Koopman, carried off a silver-wine cup made in 1634, at \$56,000 or £23,333, despite its historical importance to Ameri-

Bail for doctor on charge of

murdering baby

Dr Leonard John Henry
Archer Arthur, aged 54, was remanded on bail at Derby Magistrates' Court yesterday until
March 5 charged with the murder of John Pearson, aged three days, contrary to common law.

Mrs Daphne Thorpe, chairman, gave Dr Arthur bail, provided he surrendered his passport, reported any change of address, did not discuss the case with doctors likely to be witnesses for the prosecution and nesses for the prosecution and did not visit Derby City Hospital or Women's Hospital.
Dr Arthur's home address.
was given as Royal Oak Cottage,
Church Boughton, Derbyshire.

Smokers put others at risk

Fresh evidence that smokers can give lung cancer to non-emokers was presented to the Royal College of Physicians in London yesterday at a conference field to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Action on Smoking and Health.

Professor Sir Richard Doll, director of the Impacial Canada director of the Impacial director of the Impacial dire

director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's epidemiology unit in Oxford, told the conference that studies in Athens had confirmed recent research in Japan showing that non-smoking wives of busbands who smoked ran a higher risk of lung cancer than women mar-ried to non-smoking husbands.

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CITY/TOUR	COACH STATION	NO. OF NIGHTS	DATES	FIT LAL PRICE	SAVING
DEPARTURES BY AIR					
Rome	Gatwick	.3	20 Feb	£95	£20
Venice	Luton	4	2,9 Mar	£105	£20
Cities of Italy	Manchester	7	14,28 Mar	£179	£30
Nice	Luton	3	13 Feb	£69	£40
Jerusalem	Luton	.7	2 Mar	£220	£40
Jordan	Heathrow	7	26 Feb, 5 Mar	£214	£40
Leningrad/Moscow	Gatwick	7	28 Feb, 7 Mar	£151	£25
Caucasian Tour	Gatwick	. 7	14,21,28 Mar	£186	£25
Grand Tunislan Tour	Newcastle	7	26Feb	£185	£35
DEPARTURES BY COAC	H .				
Five European Capitals	Manchester	8	28 Mar	£176	£30
European Highlights	Victoria	11	14.21,28 Mar	£198	£30

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There are many more, so see your travel agent before they're flattened altogether.

Holidays are at selected hotels in the cities mentioned. Med arrangements are for bed and breakfast on city holidays, but most tours include half or full board. Details are in the Winter Sun and Chies Brochure. Prices quoted are grantated firely air port charges, surcharges and insurance have been included. Holidays subject to availability. ATOL 132BC.



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The Government is to abolish 30 powers of inspection and rights of entry into businesses and land by government offipowers after a review ordered by the Prime Minister.

The proposals, put forward by ministers, were announced yesterday by Mr John MacGregor, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of

Most of them will be carried out in the course of depart-mental legislation, he said, adding: "I am satisfied that the remaining powers are necessary; are sufficiently cir-cumscribed and contain adequate safeguards to ensure that they do not cause an unwarranintrusion into business

premises." The review was set up in December, 1979, after mounting concern at the growing number of powers of entry possessed by government officials to ensure compliance with legislation.

That concern culminated in a report. An Inspector at the Poor, in October, 1979, by the National Federation of Self-Employed and Small Busineses, which identified more than 200 kinds of inspector with as many as 250 powers of entry into businesses and bomes. It said that an Englishman's home was no longer his castle hecause his property and pri-

vacy were at the mercy of an estimated 100,000 faceless men" with legal powers of

Mr MacGregor added that the Government would examine the possibility of introducing more uniformity into the safeguards, possibly in the form of s code of practice, in the light locomotives under of the findings of the commit-

tee now investigating the search and entry powers of Inland Revenue officials under Lord Keith of Kinkel.

Arrangéments are also being made, he said, to scrutinize all future legislation containing powers of entry to ensure they do not impose an undue burden on businesses.

Yesterday Mr David Dexter, chairman of the self-employed federation, said: "We are delighted to see the appouncement that the door has been closed on 30 different types of government sucopers."

The federation would continue to examine the powers remaining on the statute book and where necessary put forward arguments for their aboli-The growth in the tion. powers of inspectors has constituted a very real encroach-ment on the freedom of the individual and it has acted as a real deterrent to small busi-

But the federation expressed concern at the likely delay before the Government considered a code of practice. Mr John Blundell, a federation official, said the Keith committee was not due to report until 1983. "That will probably be too late for the 1983 Finance Bill, so we cannot expect any change until 1984."

The powers of entry to be abolished span a wide range of departments, including those of employment, energy, and environment, and the Scottish Office and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries

They include the power transport officials to enter land to extinguish fires caused by

and Thomas Day, aged 48, of Watford, Hertfordshire, were accused of assaulting saboteurs, but Judge Wild discharged the

jury from entering a verdict in

their cases and instead entered

New disput Home News Over status Cambridge 30 powers of Recturous 30 powers of After four days of the Iranian After four days of the Iranian Embassy, siege Police Constable After four days of the Iranian After

longer refuse offers by his Arab captors to wash himself without arousing suspicion. In an effort to keep his pistol hidden he had kept on his coat, tunic jacket and two pullovers.
At the wash basin he waited until the gunman with him had gone, peeled off his coat and jacker and hurriedly began to

wash. His holster made a telltale bulge under the pullovers. Then the gunman returned, he told a press conference ar Scotland Yard yesterday. PC Lock showed how he bent over the basin trying to conceal the bulge, but the gunman stepped

To his great relief the terror-ist offered him a tube of toothpaste. He thanked the man and took the tube

Yesterday PC Lock, who was praised by a judge at the Central Criminal Court after the trial of the survivor of the six terrorists in the siege, described for the first time some of the incidents during the siege, and his feeling.

of the incidents during the siege, and his feelings.
He said of the rescue by the Special Air Service Regiment:
"I am grateful for what the SAS did. If it was not for them I would not be here, and I know that for a fact."
PC Lock, who has six child-

entire police career until Jan-uary, 1980, when he joined the diplomatic protection group. When the terrorists struck

on April 30 last he had arranged to take advantage of his new work in central London to give his wife an evening out-They planned to Harrods and PC Lock intended to surprise her later with a meal and seats at a West End musical.

As it was, PC Lock said yes terday, they have not yet been to Harrods, and by the time the six-day siege had ended the show had closed.

He began duty early that morning at the Iranian Embassy and had gone inside for coffee. He said: "I believe that coffee saved my life. During the siege I asked Faisal (the second in command) if his approach to the embassy would have been any different if I had been standing outside. He said,
'Don't ask me, as you are now
my friend'. If I had been
standing outside I would not be



PC Trevor Lock with his wife at Scotland Yard yesterday.

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easy, don't hurt anyone", and was suggested he might give it repeated the advice throughout the siege.

He was searched but the terrorist was shaking with ner-vousness or excitement and did PC Lock said he was going vousness or excitement and did not side when the terrorists not find the gun. Later only arrived. As they took over the embassy he told them, "Take it was carrying it and although it

up as a sign of good intent, he decided against that because he felt there might be retribution or it would simply add to the terrorists' arsenal. He felt his gun was a token compared with the terrorists'

told the police after the siege that the policeman was an ex-

relationships with the hostages and the terrorists. Mr Fowzi Nejad, the surviving terrorist, Asked if they thought him

eccentric because of his not washing, he replied: "Not eccentric, more likely that I was

a dirty British policeman".

At the end of the siege he drew his gun against the terror-ist leader but did not fire, "I do not think I could have had it on my conscience, I do

not believe in armed policemen generally, but there are duties where they have to he".

Overall, he said, "I handled the situation as I saw fit. I was unaware of being brave. I have no illusions. I am 40 years of no illusions, I am 40 years of age and have 15 years' experi-ence. Anyone with those qualifi-cations would have handled it

the same".
PC Lock and his wife have PC Lock and his wife have found great differences in their lives. He said: "Before the siege I used to be able to stop being a policeman and came back to a private world. We no longer have that privacy. Everywhere we go I am 'Trevor telationships with the hostages and the terrorists. Mr. Fowii market you see people nudging each other. On Underground trains I get offered newspapers to autograph."

cellent man.

"I developed this image with the bostages", PC Lock said, in administration and training.

Sutcliffe case criticism 'unfair'

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, went far beyond the bounds of fairness" in attacking the police for their part in the publicity surrounding the arrest of Mr Peter Sutcliffe in Yorkshire, the latest edition of Police magazine

The magazine is published by the Police Federation, which represents lower ranks in England and Wales. It says Lord Hallsham told the Lords during a debate on reform of the law on contempt: "If editors are provoked by police-men to break the law I know whom to blame."

But, the magazine says, the West Yorkshire police could not avoid a press conference after an investigation lasting five years and arousing considerable interest. The alterna-tive "would have been equally, perhaps worse, damaging speculation and rumour". The blame for the coverage

by newspapers lay not at the press conference but in Fleet Street's editorial chairs, Almost. the entire British press had taken leave of its senses, and the next day "respect for the presumption of innocence was notable by its absence ".

The magazine says that in attacking the police Lord Hailsham, Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, and Sir

Ian Percival, QC, the Solicitor General, bad indulged in over-kill.

In fact, the police have taken to heart the rebukes from the law officers after the arrest. Details of the arrest last month of Mr Charles Richardson, the former London gang leader who escaped from prison, were not released by Scotland Yard in case there might be a breach of the contempt law.

It has also been suggested that PC Trevor Lock, one of the hostages during the Iranian Embassy siege, was not allowed to talk to the press until the trial of the surviving terrorist and the inquest into his dead colleagues was completed this

Journalists seek support for information Bill

By a Staff Reporter A last-minute effort to muster support for the private member's Freedom of Information Bill to be debated by the Commons today was made yes-terday by the National Union

of Journalists.
Mr Francis Beckett, president of the union, wrote to the 21 MPs on both sides of the House who are members of the NUI urging them to support the Bill which the Government hopes to kill by mobilizing its "payroll vote" of ministers and their parliamentary private secre-

MP fears big reductions in British Rail services

was raised by a Labour MP in the Commons standing commit-

botch as Sealink and the railway hotels, to the private sector. Labour MPs pressed the Government to accept an amendment ensuring that the railways board retained a majority shareholding Mr Barry Sheerman, Labour MP for Huddersfield, East, said he was sure there were plans

By Our Parliamentary Staff
The fear that British Rail may
be faced with a plan for larga
reductions in its main services after the sale of
reductions in its main services profitable subsidiary businesses. The amendment was still under discussion when the

the Commons standing committee on the Transport Bill
yesterday.

The Bill paves the way for the
sale of British Rail subsidiaries,
such as Sealink and the railway
hotels, to the private sector.
Labour MPs pressed the
Government to accept an
amendment ensuring that the
amendment ensuring that the
like report published vesterday its report published yesterday (Ronald Kershaw writes).

"People would probably desert British Rail in their thousands

Prosecution witness sent to prison

From Our Correspondent Cambridge

A hunt saboteur who went to Cambridge Crown Court as the chief prosecution witness ended Mr Trevor Scott, aged 22, was called to give evidence against two members of a hare coursing

club accused of assaulting anti-Saboteurs' Association, was over called before Judge Wild at the £50. end of the case on Wednesday and asked if he would agree to be bound over to keep the

peace for two years. He refused and the judge sent him to jail for seven days. The case arose from a series of incidents at a coursing meeting in Swaffham Rulbeck, Cam
Mr Dyer agreed, saying: "I bridgeshire, in October, when hares before they could be coursed. Coursers chased the hunt saboteurs and there were

scuffles and fights. Kenneth Alsop, aged 52, of

formal not guilty verdicts on two charges of assault against Mr Day. He accepted Mr Alsop's plea hunt demonstrators. Mr Scott, of East Gate, Mr Scott, instead of a charge Louth, Lincolnshire, an executive member of the Hunt Mr Alsop agreed to be bound over for a year in the sum of

Mr Scott and Mark Dyer, a fellow saboteur and Oxford University undergraduate were called before the judge and told that they had broken the spirit of the law by their conduct. They were asked if they agreed

would like to protest but it if I went to prison". Mr Scott refused, saying: "It is only right, as a British citizen, that I should be arrested, charged and brought before a court before I am bound over ".

Cyclists advised not to use head agrees narrow saddles

By Our Medical Correspondent Cyclists may become sexually impotent from pressure on nerves by the bicycle saddle, an American doctor says in the New England Journal of Mcdi-

cine, the leading United States weekly journal for doctors. Dr John D. Goodson, of the Massachusens General Hospital Boston, describes a man who st sensation in his penis after 180-mile bicycle ride and ecame impotent.

The cause was found to be damage to the pudendal nerves his narrow, hard leather bicycle seat. He was advised to use a wider seat and his symptoms resolved within a month

Compression of the pudendal nerves is a hazard of cycling response in both men and women. Dr Goodson says. Either the seat should be dded or it should be sloped wnwards to relieve the risk

MP's divorce plea

A divorce petition by Mr Victor Goodhew, aged 61, Con-servative MP for St Albans since 1959, appears in the list of undefended cases to be dealt

| Schools Council to extend term

vitation to stay on as chairman until November pending the outcome of the Government's review of the council and its functions. Mr Tordinson's three-year term of office was due to

end next month. The Government is expected to announce Mr Tomlinson's deand the name of the indepen-

Mr Tomlinson has made clear,

More Scottish divorces

By Our Education Correspondent Mr John Tomlinson, chair-man of the Schools Council, has agreed to the Government's in-

cision at the same time as it announces details of the review dent chairman who is to con-

however, that he cannot stay on beyond November even if the review is not finished; he has other pressing commit-ments such as the presidency of the Society of Education Officers, which he takes over next January, as well as his duties as thief education officer for Cheshire.

Divorces granted by the ourt of Sessions in Scotland in 1979 numbered 8,800, compared with 8,500 in the previous year. The figure was more

The capsule sets off for Murrayfield From Tim Jones

Twenty-two members of the Taff's Well Rugby Club, in Mid Glamorgan, climbed into a 12ton time machine last night. programmed to touch down tomorrow outside Murrayfield, where Scotland are to play

Wales. Their machine is a 40ft articthe travelling time will pass unnoticed, because it has been decorated inside to resemble their clubhouse. The illusion they claim, will prevent them from becoming homesick as they drink and sing their way

across the border. When the lorry doors have closed, the supporters will help themselves from a self-service bar, and recline in armchairs on a carpeted floor. The interior has been decorated with mirrors and provided with heating and soft lighting, in keeping with the ambiance of the Taff's Well command centre.

The trailer doors cannot be opened from within, so a gravity lavatory has been provided behind a screen; in case of emergency an alarm connects with the driver's cab.

The lorry will drive through the new anti-dripk law being

the new anti-drink law being enforced for the match by Scottish police. There is nothing in the new legislation to cover supporters going by articulated

truck.

Mr Gwyn Davies, the club winger, who supplied the lorry, said: "We are all looking forward to a smooth journey. The driver will take it nice and easy so as nor to disturb our celebra tions or to spill any drink" Only eight of the group have tickets for the match. With their sual faith, the others confident

ly expect to acquire them. Two years ago, when they made a similar journey, the club members overcame the transport drivers' strike by obtaining special dispensation from the Transport and General Workers'
Union for "the emergency
transportation of livestock".

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National Savings Allyour money needs.

Waste paper dumped at Department of Industry in protest at lack of recycling to fall by 500,000 tons, accord-

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Three tons of waste paper was dumped on the Department of Industry's doorstep yesterday when members of conservation environment protection groups presented a six-point plan aimed at revitalizing the paper industry to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State

for Industry. In addition to calling for a national resource policy for waste paper use, conservationkts asked for an end to duty free imports of paper; grants to reduce energy costs to the industry conservation measures; increased use of reproducts by local government departments and a scheme to label paper according to its

After the demonstration, the waste was returned to the Full rcle Recycling Co-op,

Chelsea, which is one of three organizations associated with Friends of the Earth in the London area which are collect-

ing material for recycling.

Some of it will be sold to a merchant for pulping. But the rest may have to be thrown away as unsaleable, aithough it is suitable for conversion into a variety of products.

And it is that growing volume of usable but unsaleable waste throughout the country that is at the centre of the protest. Mrs Joyce Taylor, an archi-

tect, expressed the frustration felt not just by voluntary groups but also by merchants an industrial processors, over paper crisis". waste About 7.5 million tons of paper products are used a year in Britain, and more than five million tons of that should come from recycling, saving £1,000m

on imports, she argued. In practice, less than half that amount has been reused in the past, and the quantity to be recycled this year is likely

ing to industry estimates. Mrs Taylor describes the position as absurd, when jobs are being lost and the balance of payments deficit widened. She says: "Six years has says: passed since the green paper, War on Waste, stated: 'There must be something wrong in a

society which wastes and dis-

cards resources on the scale we

do today '. Yet we still have no programme conserving for resources." Speaking of mental aspect, Mrs Taylor said: "It is madness not to recycle when experts all over the world agree that there is going to be a timber shortage by the end

of the century".

A man at the industry department said that although the anti-waste programme had been abandoned in name, be-cause the Waste Management Advisory Council, formed four years ago, had been closed, the programme had abandoned in practice.



Turin police with Signor Maurice Bignami, who was arrested after a gun battle.

Suspected terrorist leader held

organization, was being held today in Turin, while in Milan, in a sudden apsurge of violence, a factory foreman was temporarily seized by the Red Brigades and a 49-year-old woman was kidnapped.

Signor Bignami, aged 30, was captured in a gun battle with police after a tip off that a gang were robbing a jeweller's shop on the outskirts of Turin. shop on the outskirts of Turin.

Armed with a gun and wearing a bulletoroof waistcoat, he was Red Brigades, Walter Alasia The Government decided on a column", then made off.

to escape with his companions.

Of French origin, Signor gina Susini, aged 49, wife of a artempt to cut short the debate.

Strike halts

bus services

Belgian

including those of a Milan motorway; judge and a Fiat executive. In Parlian

The factory foreman, Signor Salvatore Compare, was seized ings and photographed him with a billboard round his neck read-ing: "Servent of the bosses—

Even if this were true, which

is flatly denied in both capitals, it would not be the first time in

the past 18 years, since the sig-

either that their differences in-

Soon after it came into being.

the special relationship ran into

very heavy water over the pre-amble voted to the treaty by the

Bundestag, which insisted that

it did not in any way affect Germany's commitment to Nato.

following Franco-German sum-

mit that "treaties, like roses,

only last a certain time".

That was in the days of Dr

Adenauer, whose relations with

as close as those between Presi-dent Giscard d'Estaing of France and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German

Even afterwards, under Pro-fessor Erhard, when he was the

West German Chancellor, and for whom the general had little

time, and tension over Britain's

entry into the EEC ran high, the close links between Paris

and Bonn endured, barring the

From Our Correspondent

Madrid, Feb 5

Chancellor.

volved the United States.

From John Earle

Rome, Feb 5

Signor Maurice Bignami, an alleged head of the Prima wanted by the police in conLinea (Front Line) terrorist nexion with four killings, off in the direction of the

In Parliament the Government has called for a vote of con-fidence at the end of a debate near a bus stop by two youths when on his way to work in the early morning shift at the Breda steelworks. They drove off with him to the gates of the works, quickly chained him to the railings and photographed him with the debate at the end of a debate on prolonging a temporary head on prolonging a temporary the prolonging a temporary the prolonging and prolonging and prolonging and prolonging a temporary the prolonging and the policy to the prolonging a temporary the prolonging and the policy to the prolonging and the policy to the prolonging and the prolon measure allowing the police to hold suspected terrorists incommunicado for 48 hours and in special cases, with permission of a magistrate, up to six days. The debate is being held up by filibustering by opposition radical deputies.

The Government decided on a confidence vote, not because its survival is in doubt, but in an attempt to cut short the debate.

Russia buys more food despite embargo

Brussels, Feb 5.—The EEC's subsidized food sales to the Soviet Union rose steeply last year despite a political com-mitment to limit trade because of the Soviet intervention in

Afghanistan. Afghanistan.
Statistics released by the EEC Commission today show that in the first half of 1980 food sales to Moscow were worth about \$720m (£300m) compared to \$510m for the whole of the previous year.
While stars had been taken

While steps had been taken to plug many of the loopholes which allowed a rapid expan-sion of trade in the months immediately after the embargo was announced, exports of some products were still booming.

Farm price rises: European Community Farm price increases of between 6 and 12 per cent, depending on the product, are likely to be proposed by the European Communication and the Communication of the mission later this month (Our Own Correspondent writes from

Brussels).

The proposals are to be examined by the Commission again next Friday and will probably be adopted on February 18 for submission to the Council of Agriculture Ministers

The prices are supposed to represent the minimum return needed to assure the EEC's eight million farmers a resonation.

eight million farmers a reason-able standard of living Any produce for which there is no market demand at these mini

Role of Europe in East-West relations emphasized

Franco-German summit opens in Paris amid denials that relations are cooler

From Charles Hargrove

The social unrest in Belglum, already beset by widespread stoppages in the loss-making The thirty-seventh Franco-German summit meeting opened in Paris today amid a space of steel and textile industries, was intensified today as 40,000 urban and local transport employees went on a 24-bour strike throughout the country. rumours of a distinct cooling of relations between Paris and

In the capital no trams or buses were running, although the Metro, surprisingly, continued to operate, despite disruption by some strikers lying on the rulls. The national railway systems ran normally.

The strike was in support of union opposition to government plans to restrict all wage increases by law over the next two years to the level of inflation, thus freezing real

The pay restraint measures will go into effect on February 15 unless there is a voluntary before then.

So far the employers have rejected the terms demanded by the unions, who are asking tiated under collective bargainagreements—these cover about 75 per cent of the work-force—should be honoured this year and followed by a freeze in 1982.

King praised for visit to the **Basque country** From Our Correspondent

King Juan Carlos returned to

Madrid today from a hectic and risky visit to the troubled Basque country which most Spanish commentators con-sidered politically positive. From beginning to end the King faced insults and apathy

as well as some enthusiastic cheers and the tour was hardly a triumph in terms of popular support.
On the other hand, the King's

courage in undertaking the journey must impress the Basque people.
The independent Madrid

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newspaper, El Pais, praised the King and Queen today for their and serenity.

inevitable climacterics, because they were at least as necessary in his television interview last to Germany as they were to week expressed a "favourable

Successive British govern-ments which nursed the illusion that the West German government would be ready to sacri-fice its ties with Paris to the cause of Britain's entry were The need for the Franco-

German special relationship is at least as great if not greater now than in the late 1960s. And the purpose of these Franconature of the Franco-German treaty of 1963, that France and Germany had taken a different view of world problems. And it would not be the first time German summits is precisely, as the Elysee spokesman aptly pointed out, to enable the two sides to reach a common analysis of significant issues. These are this time East-West

relations, in the context of the change of administration in the United States, and the explo-sive situation in Poland; the Gaulle's famous reference at the Freuch proposal for an inter- Giscard d'Estaing now prefers following Franco-German sum-national conference on non- to call "stabilization" and conintervention; the contribution of Europe to the search for a settlement in the Middle East, and more generally, the need for its contribution of the contribution of t General de Gaulle were at least for it to make its weight felt more effectively in world affairs; and on the economic side, the difficulties arising from the weakness of the mark and the threat of Japanese com-

> Rumours of a cooling in Franco-German relations all hinge on the sharp stiffening of the American attitude towards Russia, and the different the need for France and Ger-reactions it produced in Paris many to stand together on

presumption of in favour of President Resgan, and the American determination to reassert leadership, the absence of which under his predecessor was criticized with increasing

Herr Schmidt, on January 30, expressed serious reservations about the new American ambition to recover military superiority over Russia, and said the federal republic had no intention of sacrificing Ostpolitik on its altar.

It was never denied in Paris that the 'two countries' appre-ciation of East-West problems, détente, and disarmament, was bound to differ because they find themselves in a different. situation.

cern over the Soviet threat, are for the French a foreign policy issue. For the Germans, it is readily acknowledged here, they raise acute domestic problems because of their repercussions on relations between the two The same goes for the station-

ing of Euro missiles; but the nature of the Soviet threat, and the little room for manoeuvre which the tougher American policy towards Moscow leaves for Western Europe, reinforces

Vatican bank

The Spanish Roman Catholic ierarchy collided head on with a number of leading members of the Spanish Parliament here today, after the Permanent Committee of the Spanish Episcopate distributed a docu-ment condemning a proposed law which would make divorce possible in this country for the first time in more than four

Palermo, city of art

For thousands of years Palermo has played host to visitors.

Not all of them came just for the beautiful coast, plains and

A city where many cultures have blended with the

natural beauty to make the ideal holiday

human right and they insisted on the indissolubility of marri-age. Their document said: "If the law to which we refer is the law to which we refer is passed in its present form, the future of the family will be seriously prejudiced in Spain and the commonweal of our society gravely damaged."

They particularly objected to divorce by mutual consent or any formula resembling its particular assembling its particular assembli

any formula resembling it. "Divorce", they said, "becomes decades.

The bishops denied that remedy for the ills it is intended to alter.

mountains, or to sample the

local gastronomic delicacies or simply bask in its temperate

Some came to conquer: Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Normans, Aragons and Bourbons have all

left their mark. Their influence on art and architecture

has made Palermo an unforget-

table experience.

Spanish clash on divorce official is arrested From John Earle Rome, Feb 5 Signor Luigi Mennini, the

senior lay manager at the Vatican's bank, the Institute for Religious Works, was arrested here today on a charge of complicyty in fraudulent bank-ruptcy. The warrant was issued on orders of a Milan magistrate investigating the collapse in 1974 of the Italian banks of Signor Michele Sindona, the Sicilian financier.

Signor Sindona, whose extra-dition is sought by the Italian Government, is howeved serving a 25-year sentence in the United States for fraud and conspiracy in connexion with the failure of his former bank,

Franklin National of New The Milan magistrate also issued two other warrants: One, for Signor Franco Giampietro, formerly of Signor Sindona's Banca Privata Fioanziaria, was executed in Milan. The other is for Signor Ugo de Luca, formerly of another Sindona Bank, Banca Unione, who has fled.

The arrests were decided after the questioning of several of Signor Sindona's closest collaborators, including Signor Pier Sandro Magnoni, his sonin-law, and after a journey by two Milan magistrates to interrogate Signor-Sindona in New York

Signor Mennini was appointed as manager in charge of administration at the bank by Pope Paul VI in June 1963. He comes under the head of the bank. Bishop Paul Marcinkus, an American from Chicago.

Signor Sindona in his heyday in Italy had close connexions with the Vatican, as well as with many Christian Democratic politicians. He belped the Holy, See to diversify its Italian investments abroad.

OVERSEAS.

Poland appears to be heading for a fresh crisis as Solidarity calls another strike

Warsaw, Feb 5.—Poland headed for a new industrial crisis today as the leaders of the independent trade union movement called for a general strike in the south western province of Jelenia Gora on Monday and a 10-day-old strike in another southern province

Workers in the southern region of Przemysl also protested to the Warsaw authorities about new strike pay regula-tions. They announced they were in a state of strike readi-

But the Government, which has given Solidarity several stern warnings in the last week accusing it of turning into a political party, made no move to avert the latest wave of

In Bielsko-Biala province, where the 10-day strike is cost-ing 400m Zloties (£5.4m) a day in lost production, union leaders said the deadlock was commu-

Talks between strike leaders and a Government delegation broke down yesterday after the authorities refused to accept the officials and to discuss the strikers' demands for the dismissal of more officials for alleged corruption and financial abuse. Talks on similar demands have also broken down in

Meanwhile, Mr Prior Jarosze-wicz, the former Prime Minister, has been expelled from the Communist Party, the state radio said tonight.

The radio said Mr Jaroszewicz, who was removed from office a year ago, had admitted that he was guilty of charges levelled at him by the party's Central Committee last autumn. These included economic errors, an arbitrary manner of govern-

men held

From Eric Marsden

in S Africa

Johannesburg, Feb 5 The South African Govern-

ment has taken action to stamp out terrorism by white right-wingers who have claimed res-

ponsibility for bomb explo-sions at the offices of liberal

Mr Louis Le Grange, the Minister of Police, announced in Cape Town today that a number of whites have been arrested in connexion with several acts of sabotage for which the Wir Kommando (white brigade) had stated it was responsible.

The minister's statement said

that security police had confis-cated explosives and other

equipment and subversive liter-

ature. It is the first big move the authorities have made to

counter acts of violence by

right-wing groups in recent

the acts of saborage an explo-

sion at the home of the Trans-keian consul in Port Elizabeth,

the office of a professor at the University of South Africa

and an explosion at the home

of Mr. Derrick Watterson, a

provincial councillor in Durban.

The attack on Mr Watter-son's home was reported at the time to have been made as a

Mr Le Grange listed among

politicians and academics.

justified criticism.

Mr Jaroszewicz aged 69, came to power in 1970 as the right-hand man of Mr Edward Gierek, the former party leader, The Central Committee, which has the power to approve leadership changes and vote on policy matters, is due to meet on Monday, a day before the Supreme Court is to rule on the

legality of an independent farmers union. Air Stanislaw Kania, the Party leader, appears to be firmly opposed to a rural Solidarity union but the urban Solidarity movement has threatened to take strike action the decision goes against the

The issue of the farmers union was left unresolved after talks last weekend between the Government and Solidarity leaders which seemed to cool tempers and avert the threat of immediate confrontation. But less than a week after the two sides agreed on union access to the media and work-free Saturdays, the country is again simmering with protests, strikes and strike threats.

Last night, Mr Lech Walesa, the leader of Solidarity, told workers in Bielsko-Biala, where strikers have closed more than 120 industrial plants, to prepare for full-scale occupation of the factories if the authorities tried to use force:

It was not clear .why .Mr Walesa had raised the possibility of what he called forcible macks, and strike leaders in the province said today there were no fears of any immediate action by police or security

close to the Czechoslovak barder, were more united than

for further talks In Jelenia Gora, another important industrial region close to the Czech border, a strike committee issued a statement giving the authorities until Monday to meet their demands and calling a general strike on the same day.-Reuter.

Crucial meeting: The Central Committee of the Polish Communist Party is to convene on Monday for a crucial session as the situation in Poland shows no signs of settling down and there are growing indications that the authorities are taking a firm stand against alleged "counter revolutionary activity," (Dessa Trevisan writes from Belgrade).

The meeting is to decide on the date for an emergency party congress but there is talk of changes at the top of the party apparent that the leadership is divided resulting in the party showing little initiative.

Speaking to the party commission which is in charge of mission which is in charge of drafting a programme for the forthcoming congress, Mr Kania described the situation as "extremely complex" and gave a warning of the danger of anarchy, and attempts to step up dual political power and bring tension to the limit of tolerance.

What must be done, he said, was to create a situation which would secure socialist development but it this moment there was a "threat from counter revolution" coming from extremists within Solidarity. He admitted the party had not envisaged such a development when the Gdansk agreement. was signed allowing the estab lishment of independent trade

In a brief communique, they said workers in the province,

White terror Former Iran Premier tries

A rallying call to the Iranian people all over the world was issued from the gilded splendour of the Hotel Crillon in Paris today by Dr Ali Amini, who was Prime Minister of Iran for 14 months before resigning over an argument on armsdeals with the Shah in 1962.

the real threat of a communist takeover. He sent a telegram roday to

revolution ".

Dr Amini said he believed his

He read a statement calling for the formation of "a govern-

protest against his support for mixed, bathing on the Durban beaches. Nobody was hurt in any of the attacks, which appear to have been aimed mainly at gaining publicity Mr Le Grange's statem Mr Le Grange's statement said that the attacks had caused damage running into several thousands of rands. He said that he had been in

to rally the opposition

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 5

Dr Amini, who is now 76, said he had decided to return to politics because of the chaos facing his country and

he sent a telegram roday to those he regards as moderate leaders in Iran, including 25 ayatollahs and the association of merchants and guilds of the Tehran bazaar, "to free the Iranian people from the yoke of those who have defaced religion and have dealt a deadly blow to the state, in order to prevent further regret on the part of the people who took part in this

telegram would helo act as a rallying call for the Iranian people and help them to rise up against the regime.

ment of national reconciliation capable of assuring the interests of the Iranian people and esta-blishing security and freedom". The government, he said, would be composed of "patriotic and competent elements now in Iran and abroad. It had to be formed "before the com-munists can take advantage of the unfortunate sirbation and

impose themselves by force. His role in the rising that he was calling for was nothing more than that of a figurehead. touch with opposition leaders in exile but that what was needed was some system of weaving together all the different threads of dissent to form a unued front. His statement said that the

existing Government "had been incapable of imposing its authority while the multitude of decision centres had created administrative anarchy and an atmosphere of insecurity and It was difficult to detect in

what Dr Amini had to say any real difference between him and the other leaders of the opposition to the Islamic revo-lution in exile, including Mr Shahpour Bakhtiar. He claimed, however, that he was speaking above politics to save his country from being wiped his country f off the map.

Hunger strike: Two hundred Iranian students held in a Philippines Army camp started a hunger strike today to press demands for their release and From Ian Murray the expulsion of Iran's chief Paris, Feb 5 diplomat in the Philippines, The cuts announced their lawyer said (AP reports Britain in overseas aid from Manila).

The lawyer said the students, facing possible deportation after occupying their embassy for nine hours in a rowdy demonstration on Tuesday, told him the strike would last "until they die of starvation."

The hunger strike began on the eve of deportation proceedings against the Iranians Embassy officials said the students-held Tuesday's demon-

stration to protest at a report published by a Tehran news-paper "claiming the students were getting;" substandard edu-cation " here and accusing some of alleged corruption.

Soldiers attack and rob Dr Orlov starts Kampala residents

British aid: The British Gov-

grant of £160,000 to help star-ving people in the Karamoja region of Uganda after reports that conditions are deteriora-

From Charles Harrison Main government offices, the had been killed and many

post office and other key instal-lations in Kampala were under armed military guard today in Kampala today. Govern after groups of armed soldiers had broken into houses, beat-to pacify the troops, who ing and stealing from local residents, last night in Rubaga, a suburh only two miles from Central Kampala Mr Paul Semogerere, leader

of the opposition Democratic Party, who lives in Rubaga, said five lorry loads of soldiers had surrounded houses near his own home. They fired into the air before breaking down doors, bearing people and looting furniture and other goods.

ing.
It will be used by the Save the Children Fund to transport 5,000 tons of food to the It is believed the soldiers were retaliating for attacks on

hunger strike in Soviet prison off-duty troops in the area. But Mescow, Feb 5.—Dr Yuri Orlov, the jailed Soviet human

trights activist, has begun a hunger strike to mark the resumption of work at the Madrid conference on security and cooperation in Europe, There was a tense atmosphere in Kampala today, Government officials were apparently trying to pacify the troops, who were reported to be angry at orders to leave the capital for duty in remote areas of northern dissident sources here said today. The sources said the 56-year-

old physician launched the hunger strike in the Perm detention camp in the Ural mountains

Dr Orlov, a former leader of a Soviet group set up to moni-tor compliance with the Hel-sinki agreements, was sentenced the Children Fund to transport 5,000 tous of food to the stricken area during February and March.

Britain's envoy 'interfered in Canada'

The leader of the New Demo-cratic Party (NDP), Mr Edward Broadbent, today accused Sir John Ford, the British High Commissioner, of "intolerable interference" in Canadian

affairs. He also accused the High Commissioner of "lobbying' against the Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's constitutiona reform package, and suggester that the Canadian Governmen should consider requesting h

recall. Mr Broadbent based his accu sation on a conversation just over a week ago between M Ford and Mr Ian Waddell o Vancouver, NDP Member o Parliament.

The conversation took plac at a skaring party and dinne given by Mr Edward Schreye, the Canadian Governor-Genera Mr Waddell said that M Ford told him Canadian polit cians should know that the cor stitutional package was "no going through" the British Par liament.

He also quoted the Hig' Commissioner as saying the amendments proposed by the NDP, to do with resource courtrol, were "not good enoug for the West".

The NDP is supporting the Trudeau constitutional measure but wants it changed to streng the supporting the strength of the supporting the suppor

then provincial jurisdiction ove

The package is opposed be the official Conservative Opposition in the Commons and the eight of Canada's 10 province The measure under which the Canada's 10 province the measure under which the canada is 10 province the measure under which the canada is 10 province the measure under which the canada is 10 province the canada is 1 British Parliament would t asked to legislate a Bill (Rights and a constitution amending formula for Canad before surrendering all contri over the country's Constitution

is now before the committee of the Canadian Parliament, Mr. Broadbent claimed the the action of Sir John Ford i "arguing" with a Canadian M
over the constitutional isst
represented "intolerable inte
ference".

Asked whether he though

the Canadian Government should demand that the High Commissioner be called hom Mr Broadbent said there shou be thorough representation that he "cease and desist". Mr Ford reacted by saying was astonished by the charg which he suggested stemm-from a misapprehension of t role of a High Commissioner

Mr Ford, at his own hase called press conference, deni that he had acted indiscreet. He said he had merely tried impress on Mr Waddell that would be "a very great m take" for Canadians to assur that British MPs will do exact and immediately what they a asked to do by Canada.

OECD deplores overseas aid cuts by Britain

Britain in overseas aid ov the next four years has caus ment Assistance Committee the Organization for Econor Cooperation and Developme

(OECD).
A review of Britain's delopment assistance programs announced in Paris this wet was clouded by the foreca cuts of 16 per cent in reterms between 1981 and 198 This factor blighted the cor This factor blighted the committee's apparent satisfaction that British sid programmes 1979'80 represented 0.52 per cent of gross national product the highest level since 1965.

While appreciating the exponent of the commit difficulties faced by the commit of the committee of the committee

United Kingdom, the comm tee regretted that aid had be reduced and that by compa son with other public expan-ture categories it had borns disproportionately large part the overall curs", its represaid.

"In view of the urgent nee

of the developing countri receiving British aid, it urg the United Kingdom Gover ment at least to keep to volume of its aid stable in re terms and to resume progre as soon as possible. The cor mittee expressed concern th cuts in aid of this proporti would have wider implicatio for the North-South dialogue The British delegatio headed by Sir Peter Presto Permanent Secretary in the Foreign Office's Overse Development Administratio

gave assurances that the ne-objectives which would gi-"more weight to political industrial and commercial colsideration would still contract on the poorest develor

Oil attracts job-seeking Africans to Nigeria

From Karan Thapar

Lagos, Feb 5
Oil has made Nigeria a haven for good jobs and easy money. Traditionally, it was the Europeans, particularly the British, who came to work in Lagos. escaping unhappy conditions at They put up with the shartages, home. All of them are unthe mosquitoes, and the climate skilled or semi-skilled. To because their salaries were Nigerian employers they are generous. In the past few useful because they will work years, however, a new type of preigner has been coming to Lagos impoverished Africans from Nigeria's fellow member countries of the West African Economić Community (Ecowas). Under the terms of the Ecowas treaty. Nigeria guarantees free entry to all citizens of member countries, Ghanians, Togolese, Bennis and nationals

from Niger are consequently a

common sight in Lagos. The

turbaned Tuaregs, dressed in flowing kaftans, with buckled

swords and daggers by their

side, are the most exotic,

the 40,000 Chadian refugees, are at cheap rates and can be dismissed without notice. To average Nigerians, how-

ever, these immigrants are less welcome. They are said to have "stolen" jobs from local people by working for less. There is therefore considerable pocular resentment felt. In daily conversation they are blamed for prostitution, crime, beggary and even for the deteriorating civic hygiene of Lagos and the fast fising prices in the country. Newspaper editorials are openly contemptutions, while proud of the fact There is therefore considerable

The Africans come in search of jobs, lured by the glitter of work. The "aliens", as they state for internal affail are called, are simultaneously actually proposed compulsor attacked for "spoiling the highest are called, are simultaneously actually proposed compulsor attacked for "spoiling the highest are atmosphere". Unfortunately, there are no

reliable statistics on how many foreigners are resident in Nigeria. The latest colculation for 1979 gives the ridiculously low number of 45,000. There are probably over four times that number from Ecowas alone. and the total is continually

Except for the Tuaregs, these immigrants are indistinguishable from Nigerians, and as they

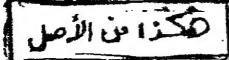
ous, while proud of the fact suggest that they had a hand in

as a measure to enhance security.

The presence of fello Africans in Nigeria in such large numbers is, of course, and this country leading position in the cont nent. For the proud politicia this is welcome proof of h exaggerated rhetoric. For the prelimant Night and Night Annual Night Annua ordinary Nigerian it is evidenc of the importance of Nigeri-Consequently, much as bot may criticize and condemn thes immigrants, their presence as necessary for the former as sense of national significanc as it is for the latter's physica and economic well-being.

As a leading Lagos academi Nigerians love to hat the immigrants, for in doing s they prove to themselves that

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OVERSEAS _

Moscow embarks on propaganda drive against Reagan policy

The Russians are gearing up their propaganda apparatus for a new onslaught on the neutron bumb which looks as though it will be as intense as their had campaign three years ago.

The announcement by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the American Secretary of Defence, that the United States would like to continue the development of the neutron weapons, has been strongly denounced here as a new danger to peace which could not fail to arouse deep alarm in the world.

Pravda said today that President Carter had been forced to abandon the development of the bomb three years ago because of the protests it aroused, especially in Western Europe. The "transatlantic sowers of thermonuclear death" retreated but did not give up their plans, and were now making a fresh attempt to making a fresh attempt to impose the dangerous weapon

on the world. The newspaper said that Mr li cinberger's statement that the homb would strengthen the West's theatre nuclear weapons was proof that the move was closely connected with Nato's decision in 1979 to deploy range nuclear weapons in Western Europe : a decision against which the Russians fought as fiercely as they had earlier campaigned against the neutron bomb, though with less success.

In both cases the Soviet Union gave a warning that these weapons would be parti-cularly dangerous for the West Europeans us they would make them the first target in any war. The Russians did much to play on European doubts over the bomb in 1978, and returned to this theme again yesterday.

A Tass commentary predicted

that the new Administration in Washington, demanding as usual implicit obedience from the West Europeans, would now use political pressure, economic blackmail and propaganda brainwashing to force them to accept the bomb.

But Western Europe did not want to be drawn into a new arms race and to worsen relations with the communist countries. Tass said the Western Europeans now realized they had been deceived into agreeing

Bomb base

'unlikely'

in Britain

nuclear weapons without the ratification of the Salt 2 treaty. It suggested that they might be

Mr Weinberger's announce ment, coming hard on the heels of the attacks on Soviet policy by President Reagan and Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary State, bas confirmed the Russians' worst fears of the new Administration. Almost at a stroke these pronouncements has destroyed hopes that Moscow may find it easier to do business with Mr Réagan's Administration than with that

of his predecessor.

The Russians have been deeply stung by the President's accusations, and today Pravda rejected any attempt to equate American motives and policy with good and those of the

different viewpoints of man and his destiny, the newspaper said

Communists believed that everyone had a right to happi-ness. This was not "amoral "As distinct from the Ameri-

renounce the 'politics of force' and believe in the dignity. creativity and justice of socialism."

in reply, Washington had in-creased its military preparations and was trying, with threats and blackmail, to impose nuclear weapons on other countries.
The article accused the Americans of plunging into adventurism, never more quickly

than when the White House was mouning about its piety in assuming the leadership of the world-for Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, atheists and anyone

calm allies' fears From David Cross

By Our Political Reporter

Mrs Thatcher told the Commons yesterday that is was unlikely that the proposed neutron bomb would be based in Britain.

is to attack massive concentra-tions of armoments which the Warsaw Pact countries have and it would be unlikely that such weapons would need to be based here".

Mrs Thatcher was also pressed by Dr David Owen, the former Foreign Secretary, to urge President Reagan in her forthcoming visit to make no decision about the neutron now that European nuclear weapons theatre

degotiations have just begun. Dr Owen said that the devel-opment of the bomb should be pur into those negotiations in the hope that it may be poss-ible to negotiate and reduce substantially the level of battle-field nuclear weapons in

Mrs Thatcher said they were all anxious to reduce the level battlefield weapons but that "if we agree we must be ab-solutely certain that an agree-ment can be effectively monitored otherwise we should lose the essential defence which a government must provide for its people".

Mr Ron Hayward, General Secretary of the Labour Party, issued a statement last night saying: "We shall refuse to permit its deployment in Britain by the United States, or any

other country." He said that the party would compaign in this country and in cooperation with our fellow socialists throughout Europe, to ensure that this foul weapon is rejected. Parliamentary report, page 10 similarly deceived by the Americans over the neutron

Russians with evil.

In an almost philosophical article on the two countries the Russians were glad they did not share the moral outlook of the Americans; the belief that only the lucky ones "picked out by some stamp of God" were entitled to peace and wellbeing.

collectivism suppressing indi-riduality but genuine humanism, the newspaper said. can leaders, we do not bow down to weapons like icons. We

The Soviet Union had proposed to the Americans the joint renunciation of nuclear and conventional weapons, bu:

US move to

The State Department is trying to calm European fears that the new Administration may reactivate the neutron bomb programme which was scrapped by President Carter.

A spokesman for Mr Alex-ander Haig, the new Secretary of State, insisted today that no new decision on the deployment of the weapon, whose official title is the Enhanced Radiation Warhead, would be taken with-out full consultation with America's European allies. The neutron bomb is a weapon which kills living things but leaves inanimate objects relatively unscathed.

At a press conference here carlier this week. Mr Casper Weinberger, the new Defence Secretary, said h thought that "the opportunity that the [neuweapon gives to strengthen theatre nuclear forces is one that we would sery prob-ably want to make use of ". Since the Defence Secretary's

remarks, several European Governments, principally the West Germans and the Dutch, have voiced their concern about the possibility that they might be asked by Washington once again to station neutron wea-

pons on their soil.

A Boon spokesman said that the reluctant approval given to the weapon by Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, a couple of years ago was no longer valid.

Responding to the newly awakened concern in Europe,

the State Department spokesman said today that a decision on production of the bomb could be taken unilaterally by Washington, but that the ques-tion of its deployment was "obviously a concern not only for us but for our allies".

Mr Arafat dismisses the Jordan option

Continued from page 1 care and in a quiet voice his relationship with King Husain of Jordan, the next almost choking with anger, shouting his condemnation of the "terrorist military junta" that governed Israel. He gave the impression of a man caught between emotion and rhetoric, a public speaker whose fury always car-ries over into the conference room.

He spoke slowly and carefully about Afghanistan. As a friend of the Afghan people," he said, "I am looking for a solution to this issue. It must be on the principle that Afghanistan is a part of the Islamic stan is a part of the Islamic group, that she is a member of the non-oligned nations and that there should be no interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan." Asked if he would be a in the internal uffairs of Afghanistan." Asked if he would be a
mediator, he replied: "If the
Afghan people ask me, I am
prepared to do it." He would
be ready to travel anywhere,
including Moscow, because "It
is my duty and the Afghan
people are my brothers."

Mr. Arrifer did not different

Mr Arafat did not differenin the internal affairs of Afghanin the internal affairs of Afghan"people" and their Sovietsupported Government although
he said that he had had "no
opportunity" of meeting the
Afghan rebel leaders who
attended the Islamic summit
conference at Taif in Security conference at Taif in Saudi Arabia last week. He accepted President Zia ul-Haq of Pakis-tan's proposal that the United Nations should appoint a representative Afghanistan.

Plan to set up a liberal democracy?

A future Palestinian state, which would be set up on "any part" of Palestine from which the Israelis withdrew, would be a liberal democracy, Mr Arafat said, and he alluded to the present structure of the Palestinian National Council (PNC), the parliament-in-exile whose membership is partly elected by PLO groups and partly nominated by the PLO executive. Palestinians cannot ballot individually for the PNC but Mr Arafat, while aware of its considerable electoral short-comings, still believes it is more genuinely representative than the governments of most

Arab states.

"We are proud of our democracy in the revolution", he said. "It is the hardest and he said. It is the hardest and most difficult kind of demo-crary—because it is democracy among the guns. But we have succeeded in creating a demo-cracy and those freedom fighters who have been given a democracy will continue to have democracy in their independent state. And it will be a democratic ozsis in the Middle East . . . at the end of the revolution, we will be proud of it. There will definitely be elections. Our people have the



summit, the conference which confirmed the PLO as the sole legitimate representatives of the Palesticians, it was agreed that a special relationship would exist between Jordan and a new Palestinian state.

"We are ready to make a special relationship between the Palestinian state and the fordanian state", he said, "according to the agreement between both sides. This was recorded in this secret session. Our Palestinian National Council accepted it and I am following it."

Mr Arafat was less specific and a good deal more agitated, however, when asked about the human suffering caused by Palestinian guerrilla raids into Israel. Indeed, questioning the PLO leader about the innocent casualties of these attacks led to a series of shouted

elections. Our people have the end up killing Israeli children right to elect any person." and women, Mr Arafat shouted:
The PLO leader dismissed "Babies, only babies, yes?

the so-called Jordanian option on the Arab-Israeli conflict; the notion that President ... another big lie. What is Reagan could offer the West going on in the south of Bank back to Jordan in return Lebanon? Who are suffering for King Husain's cooperation. from Phantoms and from F-15s He recalled that the King had himself dismissed the idea. But Mr Arufat said that is a secret session of the 1974 Rubat Arab weapons? ... But the Israelis summit, the conference which tion shells, even forbidden weapons? . But the Israelis have the "right" to use very up-to-date and sophisticated weapons and I have not the right to use my armies to defeat me people and to defend my people and defend my small children."

> Killing of women and babies 'a mistake'

Palestinians seemed to have difficulty in justifying certain attacks, Mr Arafat interrupted again: "Always they are preparing communiques about small children and old women." But such attacks do happen, I said, "It doesn't", Mr Arafat shouted back. "Definitely I have the right to resist. Let them withdraw from my homeland, from our homeland. "

interruptions.

When I asked him why guerrillas in other wars seemed to be able to confine most of their attacks to military and industrial targets whereas Palestinians often appeared to end up killing Israeli children

Arafar's criticania.

Women and babies were killed. "I am against it, of the said and incidents were a mistake? "Yes", he said, "I am against it. But you have to ask these citizens why they are living in my homeland.

my homeland. them for their hospitaling.

They are participating in are suffering too much.

this tragedy. They are partici-pating in this crime with their government, the Israeli military junta they have to stop it . . . " Mr Arafat reiterated his desire to see a Palestinian state

in which Jews and Arabs shared ne which Jews and Arabs shared equal citizenship with equal rights and he pulled from his jacket pocket a pale blue Palestinian pound note, a crumpled piece of currency issued by the Anglo-Palestine Bank with the denomination written in both Hebrew and Arabic. It was more than 32 years old. The proposal for a joint Jewish-Christian-Muslim state of Palestine was first put forward by the PLO in 1969 and Mr Arafat regards it as proof that the Palestinians can come

up with their own solutions. But would Jews living in homes that had once belonged to Palestinians be forced to leave their houses? "No, no", he said. "We can deal with this matter. We can arrange it. We can find a solution. But they have to accept our right to return back." Mr Arafat did not involve himself in complexities. The Lebanese civil war he described as the result of a "conspiracy".

What have the Palestinians done for Lebanon? "I will Mr Arafat suddenly said. Such continue in my struggle to incidents were a mistake? achieve my homeland, Mr Yes, he said, "I am against Arafat said obliquely "so as to Arafat said obliquely, " so as to them for their hospitality. They

American Commentary

by Patrick Brogan

Reagan policies start much fruitful bustling

On February 1, 1977, the new fire in the White House and delivered his first fireside chat to the nation. He never made another, but on that occasion he delighted everyone with his sincerity and competence, and disarmed them by saying: "I have learnt in two weeks in the White House that there are many things a President cannot do. I am sure to make mistakes."

In his first two weeks in office, Mr Carter ser the scene for his presidency. He sent his Vice-President, Mr Walter Mondale, off on a tour of allied capitals to assure them of American constancy; announced a programme of tax cuts; examined new ways of dealing with the press to make his Administration more open than its pre-decessors; and instructed his Energy Secretary to devise an energy policy and his Secretary of State to come up with radical new proposals for dealing with the Russians. The biggest difference be-

tween Mr Carter's position four years ago and Mr Reagan's now s that it was then thought necessary to reflate the economy. Taxes would be cut and government spending would be increased. Mr Reagan wants to cut taxes and cut spending, too.

Mr Carter proposed to cut (which would be of greatest benefit to poor people) while Mr Reagan wants a flat ten per cent cut (which will be of greatest benefit to the rich). Mr Carter gave up the idea some weeks later, when he came to see that it would be inflationary and unnecessary, and his economic policies never recovered.

He never got control of the economy. Spending, inflation, interest rates and the federal deficit all soared upwards over his term of office and although his first mistake was clearly do. I only a small part of his overall takes."

enough. Mr Carrer floated the idea President donned a cardigan, that the press should be ad-sat down in front of an open mitted to Cabinet meetings. We never were. Mr Reagan has floated the idea that the press should be allowed as little con-tact as possible with the White House staff.

In the two weeks since Mr Reagan was inaugurated, the Government has at last started moving again. One can make a good case that it stalled early in November, 1979, when the hostages were seized in Tehran and Senator Kennedy announced that he was running for the presidency.

Now, at last. American foreign policy is moving again, serious thought is again being devoted to national defence and there is much fruitful bustling around by economists to get President Reagan's economic ideas off the ground.
Mr Carter left behind a

budget with a proposed deficit of \$27,500m. He had cooked the books, of course; the real deficit he proposed (for the year beginning next October)
was \$73,000m. By slashing away
at the budget, Mr Reagan may
reduce the deficit, and then by cutting taxes he will put it up again.

In his first fortnight, Mr Reagan gave a conventional press conference (his first fireside char was tonight), and where Mr Carter increased spending, Mr Reagan has frozen federal hiring and ordered all new federal regulations sus-pended for two months. He has also decreed an end to the regulation of the price of petrol (but not gas).

Whether his first few weeks

th office will prove to be more productive than were Mr Carter's, will be judged in four years' time. In the meanwhile, he will not say, however true it is, because it would be to admit failure at the outset: "I have learnt in two weeks in the have learnt in two weeks in the White House that there are many things a President cannot do. I am sure to make mis-

President sets the pace on 70th birthday

From David Cross Washington, Feb 5

It is President Reagan's seventieth birthday tomorrow and the jokes about is are already flying fast. The President who has never

seemed to mind people poking wisest "—has been taking the lead himself. No doubt has been taking the recent election campaign for "oldest and wisest"—has been taking the lead himself. No doubt ha bopes that this will deflect some of the less kind remarks which are circulating about him being the oldest American ever to enter White House.

women in 1919". Mr Reagan told the Washington Press Club at its annual dinner last night. "Seems like only yesterday", he continued Then today he thanked those

attending a national prayer breakfast who had screnaded him with a loud rendition of "Happy Birthday" with the comment that be was celebra-ting only "the thirty-first ting only the thirty-first anniversary of my thirty-ninth birthday ". The President is expected to

spend tomorrow like most other days at his desk in the Oval "I know your organization First Lady is organizing a sur-was founded by six newspaper- prise party at the White House.

Panama accuses US of violating Canal treaties

President Reagan against alleged violations by the United States of the spirit of the Panama Canal treaties, signed in October 1979, Señor Jorg Ritter, the Panamantan Minister

The Panamanian Govern-ment's main concern is over what it sees as the lack of autonomy of the Panama Canal Commission as a result of the treaties' implementation mechanism passed by the United States Congress.

States Congress.

"We have always maintained that the commissioners are autonomous." Señor Ritter said, "not officials of the United States, as Washington seems to think they are."

The commission of five United States nationals and four Panamanians was established to administer the 50-mile waterway until December 31, 1999, when it will become Panamanian property.

operational and defence con-siderations.

which the Panamanians object, the minister went on, was United States insistence that

From Stepen Downer Panama City, Feb 5 President Aristides Royo of Panama intends to protest to

of Government and Justice has

property.
Until then, 42 per cent of what was the 533-square-mile Canal zone will be controlled by the commission because of

sent Mr Edmund Muskie, the former Secretary of State, a 200-page letter in November

according to Senor Ritter.

"President: Royo intends doing the same with President
Reagan." he added.
Another of the points to

The treaties were pushed through thanks mainly to the persistence of General Omar Torrijos, who seized first shared an othen total power in Panama in a coup in 1968.

General Torrijos, who now heads the Panamanian National Custoff and its the power behind

Reagan's publicly aired dis-approval of parts of the treaties and fears that he might disown them, using the implementation mechanism as an excuse. The Panamanian Government

listing the alleged violations. The letter came after two others sent to President Carter in late 1979 and early 1980,

without the presence of a commissioners at any meeting there is no quorum. "The treaties did not stipulate that that had to be the case."

Guard and is the power behind the Royo presidency, might be

Brooklyn court's ruling on homosexual ward

From Our Own Correspondent

New York, Feb 5 A Brooklyn judge ruled yes-terday that a 22-year-old homo-sexual may legitimately adopt his lover, even though the guardian will be four years younger than his ward. The judge, Mr Leon Deutsch, said he at first had doubts about the arrangement but could see nothing in law to stop it.

The couple share a house and had sought to become legally related because it simplified such matters as insurance, in heritance and pensions. The younger man adopted the older one (their names have not been disclosed) because the younger is settling the estate of his late mother and feared complica-tions if he were adopted by

someone else. There is nothing illegal in a homosexual relationship here. last year, an appeal court overruled a state law against sodomy, when undertaken between consenting adults of

The judge said he would allow the adoption because the couple had shown valid economic reasons for it.

How C&A fashioned their energy consumption to their needs. C&A asked us about the performance of energyefficient heating and ventilation systems. Using our computer program, called the Building Energy Estimating Program (BEEP), we analysed the energy requirements for their new store in Manchester's The outcome was one of the largest heat pump installations in the country: The eight roof-mounted heat pumps provide heating and cooling as required, maintaining a comfortable shopping environment throughout the year. And they are very efficient. When used for heating each unit of electricity they consume produces about 2½ to 3 units of heat. Heat pumps operate on the same principle as the domestic fridge. In warm weather they take the heat from the store and reject it to the outside air. Then in cold weather the direction of the heat flow can be reversed and heat for the store is taken from the outside air - even on very cold days the outside air still contains some usable heat. If you'd like more information on heat pumps for commercial premises, and on BEEP, simply fill in the coupon. We'll fashion something to suit your own requirements. I'd like to know how to get the best out of my energy. Please send me your free booklets 'Heat pumps—the energy savers' and Building better with BEEP. Send to The Electricity Council Information Centre, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD. Using our energy can save yours. The Electricity Council, England and Wales.

ENERGY CASE HISTORY





Advice for promoter: Mr Harold Smith, the Los Angeles boxing promoter (above), who Los Angeles boxing promoter (200ve), who is being sued for \$21.3m (£9.14m) was publicly advised by Muhammad Ali, the former heavyweight champion, yesterday to "go right to the FBI before he talks to me". Mr Ali added at his home near Los Angeles: "I'm going to tell Harold: 'Don't talk to me'." He had been asked by journalists if he know of Mr Smith's whereabouts. he knew of Mr Smith's whereabouts.

Mr Smith, chairman of Muhammad Ali

Professional Sports Inc. has been named in a suit in which Wells Fargo National Bank claims it was defrauded of \$21.3m.

Mr Richard Cooley, the chairman of the Wells Fargo Bank of California, yesterday described as "preposterous" allegations by Mr Smith that bank officials were responsible for embezzling some \$200m to \$300m.
Mr Smith claimed in telephone calls on Tuesday that he disappeared because he feared for his and his family's lives.

Chinese leaders show an image of unity

Peking, Feb 5. — China's leaders belied persistent rumours about their disagreements by presenting a united image today, the Chinese New Years's Day of the Year's Day.

Most significant was the re-appearance in public of Mr Hua Guofeng, the Communist Party chairman, after more than two months absence.

Last night, as firecrackers signalled the start of the Year of the Cockerel in the Chinese capital, Mr Hua, who is shortly to step down as chairman in favour of Mr Hu Yaobang, the parry's Secretary-General, had a New Year's Eve dinner with Mr Hoang Van Hoan, a former member of the Vietnamese National Assembly, who defected to China in 1979. fected to China in 1979.

Tonight. Chinese television showed film of the regime's strong man, Mr Deng Xiaoping, the party Vice-Chairman, attending a reception organized by the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a body grouping non-Communist Party figures round a nucleus of

party representatives.

The film put an end to speculation over the lack of news: paper coverage of Mr Deng's activities. Even General Chen Xilian, former Peking military commander who was removed from the Politburo last year, received a mention in the official press.

From Anthony Lewis

Luanda, Angola, Feb 5

Mr Roberto Dalmeida, the Plan-ning Minister, searched for the right word in English to de-

scribe the Government's new

approach to Angola's economic problems. He chose pragmatic. People have to be motivated to work, he said, and gave as an example small farmers, who owned their own land, When the Popular Movement for the

Liberation of Angola took power in 1975, it nationalized

only farms abandoned by Portu-

guese settlers and large company-owned tracts—about

15 per cent of the land.
"We have been in a phase when small farmers wouldn't

sell their crops for money be-

cause there was nothing to buy.
They asked 'Why do I want
money when I can't buy clothes
with it?'—so they just grew
enough for their own subsist-

To give farmers incentive to

grow cash crops, the Government urgently needed to build

up a transport system and get goods to the villages. The Por-

tuguese had left almost no lorries behind in 1975, and of

those bought since then, many had been wrecked.
The Government intended to

nery through cooperatives. Until now agricultural investment had

gone almost entirely into big state farms, Mr Dalmeida said.

Food is Angole's biggest economic problem by far—90 per cent has to be imported.

Before independence Portu-

guese farmers here supplied much of the domestic market

for corn, sugar and potatoes. They also grew large crops of

General Chen, one of those closest to Mr Hua and the Maoist heritage, now under attack as Mr Deng pursues his policy of minimizing the role of Mao Tse-tung, is still a member of the control of the cont

ber of the central committee. Mesnwhile, Mr Huang Zhen,

aged 71, a veteran of the communist long march, has lost his post as Minister of Culture as part of a reorganization of that ministry into a watchdog body to supervise Chinese intellectuals and artists.

A New China news agency dispatch said today the Culture Ministry was now headed by Mr Zhou Weizhi, referred to as the "Acting Minister of Culture". It did not say when Mr Hung had left, but analysts said his departure, apparently for technical rather than political receous apparent, to have cal reasons, appeared to have come about recently.

The report said Mr Huangwould become the head of a new organization, the Chinese Liaison Institute for Culture Abroad.-Agence France-Presse. Firework injuries: Fireworks have injured many people celebrating the Chinese new year.

The Peking Evening News said one city hospital treated 85 people last night for injuries from fireworks, which can be bought in China without age restriction.—Reuter.

Today Angola grows less than

than a fourth as much cotton and coffee as it did before 1975

and probably less of the food

Because the towns have been short of food and the villages short of industrial goods, a system of barter has developed.

eople in the towns get what-

ever goods they can, drive out-to the country and trade what they have for food, some of which they resell in the towns.

Mr Manuel Pedro Pacavira,

the Agriculture Minister, has estimated that 50 per cent of

the food frown in Angola is absorbed by barter trade or black market, which the authori-ties want to stamp out.

At a special congress held in

Luanda last December, the ruling party made agricultural development its priority. Mr Dalmeida said the aim was self-sufficiency in food

One way of improving the economic situation is to hire more managers and technicians

A Scandinavian here said: There's an atmosphere of not

caring. People have nothing much to buy, so they don't see why they should work to earn money. A lot of people wish the Americans would come and start organizing things

The Government makes no

secret of the need for foreign

experts—not just executives but electricians, telephone workers, hotel managers and tyre makers. Some who have come

start organizing things.

sufficiency in food. - .

from abroad.

Luanda seeks ways to increase food production

45 Pakistani emigrants die in boat

From Our Correspondent Islamabad, Feb 5

At least 45 of a party of illegal Pakistani emigrants died of starvation and thirst at sea during a 23-day journey on a rickety launch between January 10 and Rebruary 2.

About 25 survivors, near to death, were rescued in the Arabian Sea by a United States naval supplies ship on February 2 about 400 nautical miles southboard the American ship.

About 16 Pathans and more than 50 Sindhi Beluchi mea, most of them under 30, were being taken on a private launch illegally to Dubai on the pretext that they would be able to get Jobs there. The launch broke down a few hours after the journey began on January 10. Although the men tried to row the boat towards the shore a storm pushed it away further into the open sea towards Muscat.

There have been a number fatal incidents involving illegal emigrants to the Gulf and the Pakistan Government has taken many measures, including the employment of coastguards to prevent people leaving the country illegally in search of lucrative jobs in the Gulf states.

FOREIGN REPORT

Even the poor in Algeria are happier at lifting of restrictions

pavement is a playground, every clothesline has a cluster of napples and every available living area is bursting at the seams. Children dominate the

There are an average of three Algerians for every habitable room in the country. About a quarter of the 18 million population is under five and over half the population had not been born when independence was granted 18 years

By the turn of the century it is predicted that the popula-tion will have doubled. Inevitably the population explosion has caused serious problems— it is responsible for the housing crisis, the shoringe of jobs and the near collapse of the administration in some depart-

administration in some departments which have become swamped with work.

The Government is not well-equipped to deal with the inevitable problems of a birth bulge. Hidebound and blinkered as it has been by the demands of a system based on dogmatic socialism, it has not had the necessary suppleness to adapt rapidly.

to adapt rapidly. One obvious problem is that of feeding the population.
Despite the agrarian revolution, which was officially
brought into being in
November, 1971, the country is still far from being self-suffi-cient in food—although in fairness it must be said that great strides are being made to

In the meantime, however, a all-important senior Army good deal of food has to be officers for a more flexible imported and with the food, leadership, away from the total inflation is brought into the Muslim purmanism and sociainflation is brought into the country. This is now running officially at around 12 per cent, but some estimates put it as high as 17 per cent. Meat in the towns can cost as much as

70 dinar a kilogramme (about £3.50 a pound) and most families can only afford it on special occasions. With training, the huge young population could pro-vide the workforce needed to exploit the Algerian potential for industrial development. Diversification away from near total reliance on gas and oil as a money earner is assential if the economy is to develop. But training places are so far in-sufficient, with preference apparently given to children

whose parents work for one of the big nationalized societies that control every important in-Another problem has been that the socialist character of the economy has tended to put off potential investors from the West—certainly this is the

case with Britain.

This outlook and image of the country was very much the creation of President Soumedienne, who ruled very strongly from the centre. An "the allies of the revolution" The result is that his emphasis undoubtedly brilliant man, he in the "non-exploiting" sec. is less on an Islamic federation than on national traditions. It is easy on an islamic federation than on national traditions. One example is the appoint-ciates. When he died there was a deep-felt desire among the on record as saying that with popular arts. The Queen,

list theory which had dominated the Boumedienne

regime.
So the Army put forward Chadli Bendjedid and their support was enough to defeat the claims of the supposed heir apparent, Muhammad Yahyaoui, who if anything is more strict and orthodox a more strict and orthodox a Muslim and socialist than Boumedienne had been.

shown himself to be more flexible. "He has no personal dis-

It would be wrong, however, to think that he is likely to more away from the socialist system, which is now a deeply-rooted fact of life. If he has reduced the powers of the executive bodies like the Central Committee of the FLN (the only legal party in Algeria) and the politburo, he

At the same time he is prepared to tolerate and even encourage what are termed-

not harm". There is a growing acceptance of the belief that it is unrealistic to expect everything from the state.

The President has made it clear that he wants to balance the economy by the end of the £41,000m five-year plan which was agreed at the end of last year. He has, however, said: "The high standards of living the people are looking for are not for tomorrow".

Auslim and socialist than Boumedicine had been.

President Chadli has already
shown himself to be more flex
the more liberal feel of shown himself to be more Hexible. "He has no personal dislike of private property", one
diplomat has said of him. He is
a pragmatist with no liking for
"isms", preferring order and
work to wall slogans.

It would be wrong, however,
to think that he is likely to

· The new President has had to face industrial disputes, university riots and Berber ris-ings in his term of office, but he has succeeded in calmly taking the steam out of the situations by patient expla-

Algeria) and the politorio, has shown every sign of wanting to exploit the advantages lacks the almost fanatical strength of his predecessor, the same time he has but at the same time he has been steeped in a feeling for his religion from childhood. The result is that his emphasis

"sometimes competition does during her recent visit, was dustry factory as would have happened in the days of Bou-medienne, but to see a craft workshop.

> The new President, for all that he appears to have made a favourable impression with the people, still lacks the pre-sence of his predecessor. The gragedy of the earthquake of El Asnam has given him the opportunity to show a lead, By using the 85,000-strong Army—which originally gave him power—to help in the disaster area and by promising to spend £400m building a new prefabricated town of 40,000 homes, he has struck a chord with the population,

> For the twentieth anniversary of independence in 1982, he has called for a new history of the country to be prepared. Current history books do not even mention the name of the first President and resistance leader, Ben Belia, who was arrested in 1965, so the bulk of the young population scarcely know he

President Chadli himself made no reference at all to his predecessor in his last state of the nation speech. The signs are, therefore, that when the new official history appears, the name of Ben Bella will reappear and the name of Bou-medienne will not loom quite

Soviet missiles

Ian Murray

Between three and 20 laser-armed satellites needed to cover the earth

(There would be between 3 and 20 of them at a height of between 25,000 and 3,750 miles)

recently announced the successful test of a laser beam capable of destroying intercontinental ballistic missiles.

It has also been disclosed that the space shuttle, the American reusable space ship, due to make its first flight this year, will be used to test an aiming and tracking device, considered essential if the laser is to become an effective weapon of destruction.

Last December a Senate committee urged the Government to. accelerate its research into laser weapons because, it was claimed, the Soviet Union might have already begun developing an operational system. Such prompting should find a willing where President Reagan is said to fayour a crash research pro-Lack of incentives damages Angola gramme. There is talk, however unfounded, of a programme as intense as the Manhattan Procoffee and cotton for export. here, but so far not very many, When the Portuguese left, production plunged — and, as officials acknowledge—the new contract to refurbish and Government's socialist policies manage Luanda's two operating ject, which produced the atomic A Brazilian company has a contract to refurbish and manage Luanda's two operating hotels and another that is out bomb to end the Second Worla War. - Are we then, as some com-

mentators believe, on the thresof commission. French experts hold of an age in which directed are going to advise the state farm managers on grain pro-duction and West German pilots fly the Angolan Airlines Boeing 707s and 737s. Volvo and Fiat energy weapons like the laser or, more futuristically, the particle beam, will cause a fundamental review of the and an East German company are training motor mechanics—and perhaps they will repair Luanda's, mostly inoperative fleet of Mercedes taxis. strategic balance and the weapons which preserve it?

The technical feasibility of the laser weapon has long been The big American company here is Gulf Oil, which pumps oil from offshore wells in Cabinda, an enclave separated from the rest of Angola by a bit of Zaire. Mr Thomas King, the Gulf manager here, said he was optimistic about business prospects. proven. The American Air Force exhibited parts of target aircraft "shot" down by a laser's high intensity light beam at last year's Farnborough Air Show—along with the model of a KC135 aircraft converted to carry out associated tests. to carry out associated tests from the air.

The United States Air Force missiles shortly after launch and before their multiple war-heads have disengaged it is in space that the laser weapon has its most promising application. There, the concept of a weapon orbiting the earth, its beam darting with the speed of light from target to rarget without the attenuating effect of the atmosphere, has an obvious theoretical attraction . for defence scientists.

The engineering obstacles, however, remain daunting. Between three and 20 laserarmed satellites would be needed to cover the earth, depending on the orbit chosen

and only one of these would probably be in the right posi-tion at the right time.

Each satellite might need to be up to 10 times bigger than any space station so far launched, and would need to cover ranges of up to 25,000 miles (again depending on the

tween the numbers of satellites and the range they have to cover—the higher the orbit, the fewer one needs, but the greater A laser is not particularly

efficient in that about 90 per cent of its energy is dissipated in waste beat. To penetrate the skin of a modern missile one would need to supply it with a power of about 1,000 megawatts at any given time. The average output of the London Electricity Board is only 700 megawatts higher than that, so the plant required to generate such power in space would be enormous-hence the size of the satellite.

The obvious response of a country faced by such a threat would be to toughen the skin of its missiles, so even this power requirement could soon become

to carry out associated tests
from the air.

As a mesus of destroying enemy satellités or ballistic command and control unit on

and control site

the ground whether it had scored a hit and how much damage had been inflicted. As

There is a "trade-off." be-

an anti-ballistic missile system it would have time for only One "shot" anyway.

Unlike a missile, a laser has
to be accurate to within a
couple of metres. A missile
can destroy another missile by the use of a proximity fuse, so that it need be accurate only to within a few miles. But a laser beam is very narrow and has to be if it is to concentrate its power to burn through a

metallic target.

Lasers could be mounted on zircraft, of jumbo size prob-ably, and this would simplify the engineering problems. But the beam would then have to combat the effects of the atmosphere and a fleet of air-craft would be required.

An aircraft—or a space station for that matter—would

enemy and would need substantial protection from fighters or Britain and France have conducted feasibility studies on

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laser weapons, and the French are carrying out a secret study of their possible use to protect their own land-based missiles their own land-based missiles from a pre-emptive strike. But only the superpowers seem to have the resources to overcome all the various obstacles.

These obstacles are by no means insuperable. Few seriously doubt, that an intensive research programme could overcome them. As an anti-satellite system, the laser weapon looks

system, the laser weapon looks unlikely to be as cost-effective as more conventional means of destruction. As an anti-ballistic missile defence, however, it has undoubted potential because no other satisfactory system has

been found.
On the question of arms control, the Outer Space Treaty of

1967 expressly forbids the destruction of satellites by any kind of weapon. The antiballistic missile treaty, which was signed as part of Salt in 1972 also prohibits the deployment of either lasers or particle-beam weapons in an anti-missile role. However, this treaty does not ban their development and how long the treaty would remain effective if an effective system could be produced is

launching site

another matter.
Mr Hans Mark, who was Air Force Secretary in the Carter Administration, has already predicted that laser weapons will form an important part of the American strategic arsenal during the next decade. Many believe that he will be proved right. But should he sound quite so confident—and so

> Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

Isolation gives shrill edge to Grenada's defences

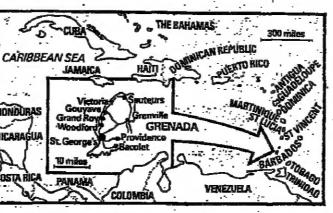
have to have a greater degree of self-sufficiency", he said.
Gulf has 100 foreign regular employees here and 140, mostly Portuguese under contract. It employs 350 Angolans and is starting a programme to train them for more skilled oil operations. island of Grenada is virtually isolated from its neighbours, Texaco is renegotiating a pre-Independence oil agreement and fears, particularly since President Reagan's arrival in the White House, an American with Angola, and two French companies, Total and Elf, won concessions last year to explore Angola is considering whether

Nearly two years after experi- wing politics, which gained encing the English-speaking momentum after Mr Maurice liams, Prime Minister of Trini- with the traditional laissez- caribbean's first coup, the tiny Bishop and his New Jewel dad, will not even open Mr faire politics of the anglophone island of Grenada is virtually Movement, overthrew Grenada's Bishop's letters. eccentric leader. Sir Eric Gairy. But isolation has given a in March, 1979, has cooled. In shrill edge to Grenada's island after island, election defences, and shadowy imperesults have produced a march rialist enemies are detected.

olutionary Government begs year ended with a vicious blow up most of the Cabinet the people to welcome the slanging match between Mr at a mass rally last June.

cruise ships that regularly Bishop and Mr Tom Adams, But terrorist hostility swing into the beautiful, hill-ringed barbour of the capital, but thought it was time ary resolve. It provides extra St George's.

Grenada held elections. The justification for keeping Justification for keeping detailed the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year or so the vest of the regularity and the last year of the regularity and the regularity In the last year or so, the rest of the auglophone islands Caribbean's flirtation with left- have kept their distance; in



invasion.

On the face of it, there is systems and conservative least Bishop's People's Revolution-little reason why the United States should worry over one small Cuban protege in the maley in Jamaica last point to two attempted eastern Caribbean, an island of October, Grenada lost its one counter-cours, a string of 110,000 people where the reversely and an attempt to a string of the collections.

justification for keeping detainees locked up without trial; about 100, perhaps 40 of whom have been there since the takeover.

It is used to back up Mr Bishop's argument that elec-Cons are not a priority. Conventional campaigning would be a dangerous distraction from the serious business of transforming an underdevel-oped island society into a productive, self-reliant proud community. The PRG, Mr Bishop argues, already has sufficient mandate for that in the popular support that certainly PRG, in its assault on

the Caribbean's perennial problems of poverty, dependence which introduces the death

Caribbean. It is steadily reducing the 50 per cent unemployment it inherited from Sir Eric Gairy, putting idle land back into production, and getting a slack and stagnant economy under control in a way that has impressed even the International Monetary Fund. It has attracted more than £30m in aid from a wide range of donors—from the West, the

Middle East and the Soviet block. Except for hardcore ter-rorist opposition, the political violence of the late Gairy years has gone. Medical care is free, there has been long overdue educational reform, and the PRG is attempting to build a rudimentary village democracy which might well replace the inherited Westminster structure.

But the Caribbean, like Britain and the United States. is not much impressed. When Mr Bishop came to power, he promised early elections, and has broken his promise. The process of putting detainees on trial has been slow. Hypersensitive to detractors of the revolution, the PRG has kept a lid on independent media and opposition parties. It has brought in, with a show of reluctance, a Terrorism Act

The anglophone Caribbean likes none of this, nor Grenada's politicized army and voluntary militia. Still less does it like the close alliance with Cuba, which has provided extraordinarily generous aid. Cuba is beloing to build Grenada a new international airport, and its 200 or so technique. nicians, including hardwork doctors and dentists, have made a strong impression. The two islands have abolished visas for each other's people. nicians, including hardworking

The PRG now looks for its : allies not to Kingston and Port of Spain, but to Havana and to the Sandinistas' Nicaragua. It tends to follow a Moscow line, for example, on Afghanistan. To the rest of the English-speaking islands, this is anath-ema. There is talk of excluding Grenada from Caricom, the Caribbean Community.

Grenada's is essentially a nationalist revolution, clearly capable of mobilizing its porulation. Isolation and hostility are driving the island out of its natural alliances, out of the range of traditional influences. and into a defensive reliance on Havana. In this way, the West and the Caribbean may be repeating exactly the same mistake that was made over Cuba, 20 years earlier.

Jeremy Taylor

Ecuador says Peru broke ceasefire pact Lima, Feb 5.-Peru and

Ecuador yesterday sent international observers back to their disputed border zone to verify that their troops were maintain-

ing a ceasefire.
In Quito, the Ecuadorean capital, President Jaime Roldos accused Peru of violating the ceasefire agreement by flying. transport aircraft over the region with the intention of landing troops at its border posts. Peru has denied this.

In Lima, the Peruvian Armed. Forces gave the first details of military action

The command said one Peruvian was killed and six were wounded, and Ecuador suffered some casualties ".-AP.

Salvador volcano battle San Salvador, Feb 5.-At handling Latin American secur-

prospects.

We do have some frustra tions, but you have those anywhere in the world. It's no different from our operations

elsewhere except that supplies are spread a little thinly. You

least 45 people have been killed in El Salvador in a two-day battle between leftist guerrilas and government troops for control of a volcano used as a

beacon for rebel supply drops, witnesses said today.
Officials also reported 40 political killings in the past 24 hours, including seven young men kidnapped and shot dead by right-wing." death squadg" in the San Salvador suburb of Cuscalancings. Cuscatancingo.

Local residents described the fight for control of Couchagua volcano on the edge of the Gulf of Fouseca in south-

eastern El Salvador.
In Washington, the State
Department has announced that Mr Frederic Chapia, a senior Defence Department official

ity policy, has been made Charge d'Affaires at the American Embassy in San Salvador until a new Ambassador can be named.

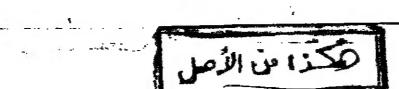
to join the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

-The New York Times News

Authorities here said the bodies of at least 24 men and two women, several of them tortured, were found shot dead yesterday in San Salvador and the western provincial capital of Santa Ana, a rightist "death squad " stronghold.

In San Martin, 12 miles east of San Salvador, government proops fought guerrillas Leftists allege that Guate-

malan troops are fighting along-side El Salvador's Army in an effort to stamp out the Marxist insurgents struggling to over-throw the Junta,—UPI.



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Damages for 'lost years' awarded Why nurses are protected by Abortion Act to deceaseds' estates

Tullybeiton, Lord Russell of Killoven and Lord Scarman

owen and Lord Scarman where a person has died in consequence of the negligence of another, either immediately or before he has himself been able to bring a claim and procedule it to judgment, his estate is entitled to recover damagnes in respect of crangs which he would have made during the period of his life which he bost—" the lost years", such damages are not precluded Such damages are not precluded ricas (Muscullaneous Provisions)

The House of Lords dismissed two appeals by defendants who admired liability but contested the amount of damages in actions by the personal representatives, his parents, of two young meduced 15 and 21 at the time they

danages.

Section 1 provides: "(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, on the death of any person after the commencement of this Act all causes of action... vested in him shall survive... (2) Where a cause of action survives... for the benefit of the estate of a deceased person, the damages recoverable for the benefit of the estate of that person:—

(c) where the death of that person has been caused by the act person has been caused by the act or omission which gives rise to the cause of action, shall be calculated without reference to any loss or gain to his estate consequent on his death, except that a type in expects of funeral expenses.

quent on his death, except that a sum in respect of funeral expenses may be locluded."

In the second appeal, the parents, Mrs Marian and Mr Edward Furness, claimed damages against B & S Massey under the 1934 Act for the death of their son, Kevin, aged 21 and unmarriced, who was killed at work Mr lustice Tudor Evans, at Manchester, awarded \$15,547 for financial loss related to the earnings of the deceased for the "lost years" and granted his certificate for a "leapfrog" appeal to the House of Lords.

Air Piers Ashworth, QC, and Mr Christopher Summer for the plaintiff.

Lionel Swift, QC, and Mr Christopher Summer for the plaintiff.

Lionel Swift, QC, and Mr Chris-topher Sumner for the plaintif, Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mr J. J. Rowe for B & S Massey Ltd; Mr Richard Clegg, QC, and Mrs J. H. Smith for the plaintiff

parents.
LORD DIPLOCK said that be was at one with all their Lordships in holding that both appeals should be dismissed—reluctantly, because he did not think that that

because he did not think that that outcome was either sensible or just. He agreed with the interpretation placed on section 1(2) (c) by the majority of the Court of Appsal in Gummeil.

His Lordship analysed the development of the law of damages for death, parily by Parliament and parily by judicial decisions arrived at on a case-to-case basis and said that in the result the law of damages for death had reached a state for which he could see no social, moral or logical justification.

Where Parliament had intervened by passing the Fatal Accidents Acts, the law relating to damages for death recoverable by dependants was sensible and just. His Lordship loined with their Lordships in thinking it was too late for anything short of legislation to bring the like sense and justice to the law relating to damages for death recoverable by the subject of the deceased.

for death recoverable by the value of the deceased.

LORD EDMUND-DAVIES said that in Pickett ([1980] AC 136) the House had found itself ineluctably driven to hold that an injured plaintiff, whose working life had been shortened as a result of the defendant's negligence, was entitled to be compensated for any loss of earnings during the period ("the lost years") when, but for his injuries, he would have been likely to continue at work. In the present appeals the House was confroured by a simuation different in an important respect from in an important respect from Pickett. There the plaintiff had instituted proceedings and actually recovered judgment during his lifetime; but in the present appeals the plaintiffs were administrators of the estates of deceased persons who were killed either instantaneously or shortly after being in-volved in accidents attributable to the defendants' negligence. in each case the plaintiffs were also the parents of the deceased

(each of whom died intestate), and they sued (1) under the Faral Accidents Act, 1976, on behalf of themselves as dependants, and (2) under the Law Reform Act of 1934 on behalf of the deceased's estate. No question arose on the awards under (1) but under the 1934 Act awards for the "lost years" of 15,636 in the Gammell case and 115,547 in the Furness case, two questions were raised. (A) Did an action lie to recover such damages, seeing that the injured party died without having instituted legal proceedings? (B) If an action did lie, on what basis should damages for the "lost years" be assessed? An affirmative answer to the question "Did the action lie?" was obligatory in light of the decisions in Rose v Ford (1937) AC 825) and Pickett. For it was impossible to distinguish in legal principle between a claim in respect of shortened expectation of life, on the one hand, and in respect of shortened expectation of working life on the other.

In his Lordship's view the juteraction of Pickett and section 1(1)

seed 15 and 21 at the time they good. In the first appeal. Mr James Gammell sued as administrator of the estate of his son, Edward James Gammell, who was killed through the negligent driving by the lost years did lie in each of the Patal Accidents Act, 1575, for himself and his wife as dependents of their dead son and also under section 1 of the Law Reform Act of 1934.

On that claim, Mr B. A. Hytner, Cf. sitting as a deputy High Court Juage, awarded, inter alia, 16,625 for loss of future earnings in the "lost years". The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Brandon and Sir David Cairns, Lord Justice Brandon and Sir David Cair

was accordingly consequent not on the death but on the tordous act of the wrongdoer. And the majority of the Court of Appeal reached a similar conclusion in Gammell.

The general wording of section 1 of the 1934 Act was important, providing for the survival of all causes of action vested in the deceased. What followed by way of exception to the general rule should be restrictively interpreted, lest that generality be largely or completely nullified. It dealt simply with the calculation of the damages exigible in relation to an established cause of action.

In the Court of Appeal in Gammell Lord Justice Megaw had drawn what he regarded as an loss. drawn what he regarded as an essential distinction between loss of earnings before death and after death, regarding loss of earnings up to the date of death recoverable as part of the damages in the loss of the damages of the damages in the loss of the damages in the loss of the damages of the damages

clasion.

It had been objected that if compensation for the lost years were recovered by dependants in excess of their Fatal Accidents Acts claims, they would gain a "windfall"; and it was also complained that the decisions in the present cases imposed additional and unfair liability on the wrong-doer.

doer.

Ris Lordship would answer question (A) in the affirmative.

On question B, the assessment of compensation for the "lost years" was the ordinary one of arriving at a fair figure to compensate the estate of the deceased for a loss of a particular kind sustained by him in his lifetime at the hands of the defendants. It was a task for the judge, and the at the hands of the defendants. It was a task for the judge, and the House would only interfere where an assessment of damages was perverse or arrived at on an incorrect principle. The award called for no adjustment. His Lordship would dismiss both

Lordship would dismiss both appeals.

LORD FRASER, concurring, said that under the existing legislation and following the House's decision in Pickett there was no escape from dismissing both appeals, though like Lord Diplock his Lordship regarded the result as neither sensible nor first.

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It was no doubt just that where the death of the family breadwinner was caused by the negligence of some other person, that person should be liable to compensate the deceased's dependants for the injury suffered from the death—loss of support, provided for by the Fatal Accidents Act, 1976. But it seemed difficult to justify a law by which the deceased's estate, which might pass to persons in no way dependent on him for support, could recover damages for loss of earnings or other income which he would probably have received during the "lost years" particularly in cases like the present where in each case the deceased was a young man with no established earning capacity or settled pattern of life. In such cases the process of assessing damages could hardiy be dignified with the name of calculation: it was little more than speculation. Yet that was the process which the courts were obliged to carry out

Outside the section

The Court of Appeal said that the The Court of Appeal said that the power of a court to order either party to a marriage to pay a lump sum to the other, under section 23(1)(c) of the Matrimonial Causes Act. 1973, cannot be exercised by ordering that one party take out and make payments under a life increase.

party take out and make payments under a life insurance policy, and assign the benefit to the other.

The court varied an order by Judge Ewart-James at Salisbury County Court providing for the busband to make periodical payments to the wife and a daughter, and to execute a life insurance policy, make all payments due thereunder and assign the benefit to the wife,

to the wife,
MR JUSTICE PUCHAS said that

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by section 23(1)(c), to pay "such lump sum or sums as may be so specified".

The parties had married in 1947 and lived rogether till 1979. The wife had brought up the three children, and was entitled to

recognition. and was endued to recognition. Under section 25(1) the court had to have regard to the financial resources of the parties in the foreseeable future. The husband, aged 54, was a member of a pension scheme at his place of emplayment under which on

aged 34, was a member of a pension scheme at his place of employment, under which on retirement or at peusionable age he could commute one quarter of the pension into a lump sum, which at present would yield about £15,000. If he died before then, a lump sum of about £15,000 was payable to his estate. The correct order was that, provided the wife was still alive at the material time, she should receive a sum equal to half the amount the husband or his estate would be entitled to on his retirement or earlier death. There was no magic in the fraction of a half; his Lordship reached that amount in view of the long marriage. The periodical payments order should not be disturbed.

Lord Justice Shaw and Lord Justice Ormrod, delivered concurring judgments.

(each of whom died intestate), and at present. The unhappy state into

at present. The unhappy state into which that part of the law of England had fallen could now only be corrected by legislation on lines similar to that recently enacted for Scotland, for much the same reason, in the Damages (Scotland) Act. 1976.

LORD RUSSELL, though of opinion that the damages recoverable for the benefit of the estates in both the present cases included damages which the deceased could have recovered if living in respect of the lost years, and would dismiss the appeals, regretted the decisions. The law had gone astray by excessive refinement of theory. His Lordship would welcome legislation which overruled in the future the results of the decision in Pickett and its extension in cases such as the present. That might be combined with legislation which in some way prevented respondents being barred from a Fatal Accidents Act claim by the fact that the deceased pursued his claim to judgment.

Lord Scarman delivered a concurring speech.

curring speech. Solicitors. Mawby, Barrie and Scott for Gardner & Croft, Can-terbury: Furley. Page, Fielding & Pembrook, Canterbury. Hex-tail, Etskine & Co for Stanley Evans, Oates & Co. Manchester; Brian Thompson, Manchester.

Roome and Another v Edwards

Revenue wins

Roome and Another v Edwards (Inspector of Taxes)
The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the Crown from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Buckley, Lord Justice Bridge and Lord Justice Templeman) (The Times, December 5, 1979; [1980] Ch 425) and restored the special commissioners' decision to uphold in principle an estimated assessment to the tax for 1972-73 of £200,000 made on the resident trustees.

Roskill

The House of Lords, Lord Wilberforce and Lord Edmund-Davies dissenting, gave their reasons for allowing, on December 9, 1980, an appeal by the Department of Health and Social Security against the declaration granted to the Royal College of Nursing by the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Brightman and Sir George Baker) (The Times, November 10) concerning advice issued by the department about the legality of the role of nurses in abortion.

The court had declared that the statement as to the legality of the

The court had declared that the statement as to the legality of the role of the nurse in remination of pregnancy by medical induction and the statement as to procedures that might be performed by an appropriately skilled nurse or midwile contained in a letter and annexes thereto dated February 21, 1980, and circulated by the department were wrong in law, and that acts carried out by nurses or midwives in performing the and that acts carried out by nurses or midwives in performing the termination of pregnancies set out in one of the annexes contravened the law relating to abortion and in particular the provisions of section 58 of the Offences Against the Person Act, 1861.

The House granted a declaration in the terms granted to the department by Mr Justice Woolf (The Times, August 1), namely, that the advice contained in the letter of February 21, 1880 and the annexes thereto did not involve the performance of unlawful acts by members of the college.

Royal College of Nursing opinion, formed in good faith—
v Department of Health and Social Security

Before Lord Wilberforce, Lord Diplock, Lord Edmund Dayles, Lord Keith of Kinkel and Lord Roskill

The House of Lord Wilberforce of Lord Wilberforce of the pregnant woman, or any existing children of her family, greater than it the

of her family, greater than if the preguncy were is a substantial risk that if the child were born it would suffer from such physical or mental abnormalities as to be seriously handleapped."

Sir lan Percival, Solicitor General and Mr Simon D. Brown for the department; Mr Michael Spencer and Miss Caroling Moore for the college.

LORD WILBERFORCE, for dismissing the appeal, said that the missing the appeal, said that the issue related to a non-surgical procedure of medical induction by the use of a drug—prostaglandin—which operated on the mother's muscles to cause contractions (similar to those in normal labour) which expelled the feature from which isimilar to those in normal labour) which expelled the foetus from the womb. The question had been raised by the royal college as me the participation of nurses in that treatment, particularly since nurses could be called on to carry it out. They sought a declaration that a circular issued by the department, asserting the lawfulness of the nurses' participation, was wrong in law.

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In 1967 when the Act was passed the only methods used to produce abortions were surgical. Parliament could not have had in mind a process where abortifacient agents were administered by nurses. They did not exist. Extraminotic administration of prostaglandin was first reported in 1971 and soon found to have advantages. It involved or admitted direct and significant participation by nurses in the abortifacient steps, Was it covered by the critical words of section 17.

His Lordship considered the Act should be construed with caution.

loge.
Section 1 of the Abortion Act.
1967 provides: "(1) Subject to
the provisions of this section, a
person shall not be guilty of an
offence under, the law relating to
abortion when a pregnancy is terminated by a registered medical
practitioner if two registered medical
practitioners are of the

steps. Was it covered by the critical words of section 1?

His Lordship considered the Act
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to read action requiring to
be confined to termination by doctors alone, his Lordship was unable
to read the words "pregnancy

practitioner" as extended or extensible to cover cases where other persons played a significant part in the process of termination. With nurse, etc., participation a new dimension had been introduced: that should not be sanctioned by judicial decision, but only by Parliament.

or the instrument used "unlaw-fully" indicated that there might be lawful to bring about an abortion of the Act; to broaden the grounds on which abortions might be lawfully obtained; and to ensure that the abortion was

was that the development of prostaglandin induction methods merited the attention of Parliament. It had justly given rise to the perplexity in the nursing profession. His Lordship doubted whether that would be allayed. when it was seen that a majority of the judges who had considered the problem shared their view. On the present appeal his Lordship agreed with the Court of Appeal that an extension of the 1967 Act to include all persons including that an extension of the 1967 Act to include all persons, including nurses, involved in the administration of prostaglandin was not something which onesh to, or could, be effected by judicial decision. He would dismiss the annual.

appeal.

LORD DIPLOCK said that the comparatively modern method for terminating prognancies, unknown in 1967, took considerably longer than the purely surgical methods; the average duration was 18 hours, with a maximum of 30 hours, and the part played by nurses was of greater importance as well as longer than a purely surgical method.

method.

The "law relating to abortion" which the 1967 Act intended to amend and clarify was defined in section 6 as meaning "sections 58 and 59 of the Offences against the Person Act, 1861". Under section 58, an offence was committed whether or not the woman was in feet presented and if presented. mixed whether or not the woman was in fact pregnant and, if pregnant, whether or not the attempt to terminate it was in fact successful. It drew no distinction between terminations of pregnancies carried on the advice of medically qualified gynaecologists or obstetricians and "back-street abortions", but the requirement that to constitute the offence the abortifacient must be administered

nere two aspects to the rolley of the Act; to broaden the grounds on which abortions might be lawfully obtained; and to ensure that the abortion was carried out with all proper skill and in hygienic conditions. The circumstances in section 1(1) qualifying a women to have her pregnancy terminated lawfully were much broader than those stated in the Bourne case in 1938; and they included matters of expert medical opinion. The Act left them to be decided, not by the jury on expert evidence after the event, as in Bourne, but in advance by two reistered medical practitioners whose opinion, duly certified under section 2(a), rendered treatment for the termination of the pregnancy lawful if carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

The requirement of the Act for treatment for the termination of the pregnancy, which threw most light on the second aspect of its policy and the true construction of the phrase in section 1(1), which policy and the true construction of the phrase in section (1), which lay at the root of the dispute between the parties, was the requirement in subsection (3) that, except in cases of dire emergency, the treatment must be carried out in a National Health Service hospital (or private climic specifically approved for that purpose by the minister). It was evident that in providing that that treatment should take place in ordinary hospitals, Parliament contemplated that (conscientions objections apart) it would be undertaken as a team effort in which, acting on the instructions of the doctor in charge, junior doctors, nurses, para-medical and other hospital staff members would each do those things forming part of the whole treatment, which it would be in accordance with accepted medical practice to entrust to a staff member possessed of their respective qualifications and experience.

Subsection (1), though ex-

pregnancy is terminated by registered medical practitional also appeared to contemplate treat-ment in the nature of a team effort and to extend its protection to all those who played a part in it. The

conse who played a part in it. The exponeration from guilt was not confined to the registered medical practitioner by whom a pregnancy was terminated; it extended to any person who took part in the treatment for its termination.

What limitation on that exoperation was imposed by the qualifying above. phrase "when a pregnancy is ter-minated by a registered medical practitioner"? In the context of practitioner "?' In the context of the Act what it required was that a registered medical practitioner—a doctor—should accept responsibility for all stages of the treatment for the termination of the pregnancy. The particular method to be used should be decided by the doctor in charge of that treatment; he should carry out any physical acts, forming part of the treatment that in accordance with accepted medical practice were treatment, that in accordance with accepted medical practice were done only by qualified medical practicioners, and should give specific instructions as to the carrying out of such parts of the treatment as in accordance with accepted medical practice were carried out by nurses or other hospital staff members without medical qualifications. To each of them the doctor or his substitute should be available to be consulted or called on for assistance from or called on for assistance from beginning to end of the treatment. In other words, the doctor need not do everything with his own hands; the subsection's requirements were satisfied when the reasts were saustied when the treatment was one prescribed by a registered medical practitioner carried out in accordance with his direction and of which he remained in charge throughout.

His Lordship would allow the anneal

Lord Edmund-Davies delivered a speech for dismissing the appeal, and Lord Keith and Lord Roskill delivered speeches concurring in allowing the appeal.

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Mrs Thatcher says it is unlikely that neutron bombs would need to be based in Britain

House of Commons
The suggestion that the United
States administration might wish
to return to the development of the so-called neutron bomb was extremely dangerous and serious, Wir Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, said during questions to the Prime Minister.

Mr Foot (Ebbw Vale, Lab) said: Air Foot (Ebbw Vale, Lab) said:
One aspect in this matter which
would be extremely dangerous for
everyone in Europe would be that
it could reduce the level of the
nuclear threshold. That should
be an overriding consideration.
What steps will the Government be taking to try and ensure this and kindred weapons are never stationed in Europe at all?

Mrs Margaret Thatcher (Barnet, Finchiev, C): It is clear that this is one of the possibilities that the new United States administration may want to consider.

Ve have so far not been asked to look at any new proposal, but the United States Defence Secretary (Mr Casper Weigberger) at

his press conference said the allies would be fully consulted before any decision was reached. Mr Foot : Will this House be

Mrs Thatcher: That is not wholly a matter for me, but I have no doubt that the matter would come up on many occasions bere. hir Frank Allaun (Salford, East, Lab): Does she accept that coun-icies with differing political systems have to live or die to-gether? Will she tell President ing back to Salt 2 and perhaps

Citizens'

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announcement.

However, he stated: In the light of the response to the discussion document, we have been reviewing the possibility of introducing a service on a lower frequency in addition to one around 930 MHz. We hope to be able to announce our conclusions shortly.

Mr Kenneth Warren (Hastings C): I welcome his willingness to sup-port my belief that everyone

port my belief that everyone should be able to communicate freely in a free society.

Would be give his best estimate will authorize citizens'

band in order to give British industry a better chance of get-ting late the market and remove

Mr Raison: I realize there is a

strong body of opinion in favour of legalization. There is also wide-

spread concern about interference.

especially with television.

We are giving this matter careful

Cabinet look

fishing industry

The Cabinet had decided that it must look at the timing and level of help provided for the fishing industry Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister, said.

Sir Walter Clegg (North Flyde, Lab) stated: There is a great crisis facing the British fishing industry, and Fleetwood. What steps is the Government going to take to help?

Mrs Thatcher: I am aware of the grave crisis facing the fishing industry in Fleetwood and in ports in England and Scotland.

My colleagues and I have con-

at state of

A Conservative MP : Tell Brezhnev Mr Robert Cryer (Keighley, Lab): Don't be stupid, you fat faced twit. (Conservative protests.)

Mr Allaun: Will she tell President Reagan that the use of such words as cheats, liars and criminals, and the deployment of the neutron bomb, are not the way to relax tension, particularly since Russia would no doubt follow suit in the Mrs Thatcher: I am certain that

Russia has as many nuclear weapons as she wishes to have. She has put enormous concentrations of resources on research and technology into all the weapons of destruction in preference to the er standard of living of On the neutron bomb, its purpose is to attack massive concentrations of armaments which the Warsaw Pact countries have, and

it would be unlikely that such weapons would need to be based here.

Mrs Thatcher: When I see President Reagan I shall tell him I believe that the vast majority of people in this country are annious to have proper deterrents to the weapons which the Soviet. Union has, and has in such abundance. The first duty of a Government is

to defend and protect its own people. (Conservative cheers).
When Dr David Owen (Plymouth, Devonport, Lab) was called Mr Demis Skinner (Boksover, Lab) commented: The Control for Social Disease. for Social Disease.

Dr Owen: Now that the European Dr Owen: Now that the European theatre nuclear weapons negotiations have just begun to start, would not the Prime Minister agree that in her forthcoming visit to Washington she should urge President Reagan to make no decision about the deployment of the neutron bomb, but to put this whole issue into the European theatre nuclear weapons negotiatheatre nuclear weapons negotia-tions and hope it may be possible to negotiate and reduce substan-tially the level of battlefield nuclear weapons in Europe?

Special police units on racist attacks

Mr Wittiam Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, confirmed at question, time that consideration is being given to establishing special police Mr Timothy Raison, Minister of State, Home Office, said at question time that he could not announce an immediate amnesty for users of citizens' band radio frequencies pending a Government announcement.

Nir William Shelton (Lambeth, Struatham, C) had asked if he had seen the report on the police and community relations in Lambeth instigated by Lambeth Council

Most of the malicious allega-tion in it (be went on) are anony-mous. In the part of Lambeth I represent the police are highly regarded and welcome on the streets The only regret is that there are not more of them on the streets.

I do not wish to pretend for a noment that everything is perfect. ting into the market and remove the stigma of filegality from thousands of people who want to communicate with one another? Mr Raison (Aylesbury, C): I cannot give a precise date. Mr Peter Viggers (Gosport, C): There seems to be a tidal wave of opinion in favour of citizens' band. The Government still has a chance to play the part of a surfider rather than King Canute. Is not immediate legalization possible? The Commissioner of the Metro-politan Police attaches the highest politin Police attaches the highest importance to achieving good relations between the police and the community. So do I.

It is important to have more police on the streets. The Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police has done a great deal in that regard. that regard.

the local police and those with influence in the community is concerned. There is a great med on both sides for more communication and more determination to rock together. No good is done to that nec-

thing as soon as possible. He has misinterpreted the role of King Fewer ships will fly British flag

The seamen's strike would mean fewer jobs and fewer ships flying this country's flag. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister, said. Sir Graham Page (Crosby, C) asked: Would she warn against the continuing damage of the sea-men's strike, the immense loss of revenue, the loss of British ships to foreign ownership, and the loss of future employment for British

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab): I have asked in the last two or three weeks that the Government should make up its mind to intervene in this dispute. Will she confirm that the National Union

Tenerife crash Mr Reginald Eyre, Under Secre-tary for Trade, in a written reply, said: On January 30, 1981, the Spanish authorities informed the Why will the Government not the farming for Trade, in a written reply, said: On January 30, 1981, the Spanish authorities informed the Accidents Investigation Branch of my department that the text of the final report on the accident to the Dan Air Boeing 727 G-BDAN at Tenerife would be available shortly. Why will the Government not intervene to help prevent the damage to which she has referred? Mrs. Thatcher: Certainly not. This is a matter in which employers and the employees sort out their own problems in their own way. We are through the era when everything came to No 10 Downing St to be solved.

My colleagues and I have considered the matter briefly this morning and we agreed that we must look at both the timing and the level of help provided for the fishing industry.

Mr Alfred Dubs (Wandworth, Battersea, South, Lab): When she goes to Washington to meet President Reagan, will she impress on him that the people of this country and the whole of Europe are anxious about the increasing step into nuclear weapons and impress.

racist attacks.

Mr Whitelaw (Penrith and the Border, C): There are large numbers of people of all parties who give great support to the police and are grateful for the way they carry out an extremely difficult task.

That raises its own problems so far as effective contact between

Mrs Thatcher: I am happy to endorse what he has said. If this strike goes on, I am afraid it will mean fewer jobs for our people and fewer ships flying our flag. of Seamen has said throughout that the dispute should go to arbitration? Why will the Government not

Use of Servicemen in hospitals last resort

The use of Servicemen in the event of an industrial dispute, would only take place as a final resort, Lady Young, Minister of State for Education and Science, said dur-Education and Science, said during exchanges on whether the Government had issued a confidential circular through the DHSS warning of the possible use of Servicemen in the event of strikes by health service workers. Lady Young said: Plans to maintain essential life-saving services in the patternal health service are of the national health service are of long standing and are reviewed from time to time. The recent unauthorized disclosure to the press of material concerned the latest review of cer-tain plans, details of which must, of course, remain confidential. Lord Wells-Pestell (Lab): Is she correct when she says that the plans, implying the ones to which I refer, are of long standing? Is it true that recently the DHSS has issued three plans, known as Plan Lionel, Plan Concorde and Plan Eittern, dealing with the use of Service personnel in the event of

difficulties?

What has happened to the code of practice which the last Government introduced and got agreed? Does this mean that the Government has decided in the event of a dispute to abandon consultation and replace it by confrontation?

upon the industrial action in the early part of that year.

The planning is continuing. It would not be proper for me to comment on the details.
Lord Wells-Pestell: It is a new situation in the sense that the documents to which I am referring have come into being since the Government came into power Lady Young: The letter to which he referred is, of course, new. But the contingency planning has been going on since his own Government were in office. There is nothing in principle new in what is happening now.
Lord Wells-Pestell: It is true that, as she has implied, there has been a leak of a confidential circular and that the circular goes on to say: "Security of these documents is paramount. You are in possession of military plans which are highly sensitive. Any disclosure of information contained in these plans would be extremely damaging to the Government's industrial relations policy."

Lady Young: I am not prepared to comment on what might or might not have been in a con-fidential letter.

The use of servicemen is a serious matter and their deploy-

and to consider a suggestion made by the committee that spec-

Mrs Thatcher: We are all anxious to reduce the level of battlefield weapons and the level of all armaments. The problem is that if we agree we must be certain that an agreement can be effectively monitored, otherwise we should lose the essential defence which a

essary cooperation by publishing a series of anonymous statements under headings like "Army of occupation" occupation ".

Mr John Tilley, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Lam-beth, Central, Lab): Can he con-firm reports that he has decided to ask police throughout the country to monitor and investi-gate racialist attacks? If he can confirm that we would welcome

tan Police, for that operation to be a success there would be a need for greater lisison with the police, community relations coun-cils and the black groups who are suffering these attacks.

Mr Whitelaw: I met representa-tives from the Joint Committee against Racialism yesterday. They put to me their concern about attacks on minority communities, for example on the Asian and I agreed to look at the activities of groups who may be res-ponsible for such attacks and to be in touch with chief constables,

all units might be set up in pol-ice forces to look into and deal with these problems.

The Commissioner of the Metro-politan Police and chief con-stables already do a great deal in that regard and deserve every encouragement from the House cooperation is a two-way traf-fic. Cooperation with the police can only be achieved with the will to do so. Attacking them, as that pamphlet did, is not a wise proceeding.

security of firearms

The number of serious offences involving firearms recorded by police in England and Wales increased by 40 per cent between 1969 and 1979, Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, said during onestions.

ing questions.

He announced that the British Shooting Sports Council had agreed voluntarily to introduce, at his request; a code of practice on the security of firearms in private hands.

Mr Edward Taylor (Southend, East, C) asked the Home Secretary what percentage change had taken place in the number of offences and crimes involving the use of firearms over the past 10 years. Mr Whitelaw (Penrith and the Border, C): The numbers of seri-ous offences recorded by the police ous offences recorded by the police in England and Wales in which firearms, including air weapons, were reported to have been used, rose from about 1,300 to about 5,550 over the 10 year period 1969 to 1979, a 400 per cent increase. Of the 6,550 such offences recorded in 1979, some 4,250 were offences of violence against the person or of robbery.

Mr Taylor: These are disturbing and alarming figures. Has he been able to identify the particular reasons for this sharp increase in the use of fitearms, whether airguns, pistols or shotguns? Has he and new plans to curb this and new plans to curb this dangerous trend? Mr Whitelaw : There has been over

the same period a considerable increase in crime of all sorts and we have to look at any of these figures against that background. But these are serious figures. I believe the secure holding of firearms is important. I have taken steps to that end in raiking with the British Shooting Sports Council, which will be affected.

We have to consider every, other method to make sure firearms do not get into the wrong bands.

Mr Stanley Newens (Harlow, Lab): Access to firearms is an important factor which permits an increase in their use in crimes of violence. There is a strong case, in view of the figures, for tightening the requirements for the issue of shot-Mr Whitelaw: I am having

review of firearms and shotgun Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C): The more firearms are used in the commission of crimes, the more the police are forced themselves to take firearms in order to seek to maintain the

In particular, would he say what he is doing about replica what he is doing about replica guns which are increasingly used in the commission of crime? Mr Whitelew: Un his first point, I accept this is very worrying and I have written to Mr Griffiths in the last day or two about replica guns.

Mr Martin Plannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab): In many trimes the shotgun has been used. There is a powerful shotgun lobby in Tory areas that exerts pressure.

Mr Whitelaw: The people who hold shotguns legally for sporting purposes are in no way the people who are in any way responsible for crimes with firearms.

I have asked the British Shooting Sports Council if they would introduce a voluntary code of practice on the security of firearms in private hands. At a meeting they had yesterday they agreed to do this. This is much the most sensible and constructive way forward. in Tory areas that exerts pres

Telephone tapping report to be published shortly

Lord Diplock's first report on the interception of communications, which has been received by the Prime Minister, would be published shortly, Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, said at question

time.

Mr Robert Cryer (Keighiey, Lab):
Telephone tapping is interference
with the freedom of the individual
in a democratic society. To that
end, the first report should be
published as a matter of urgency
since it is 10 mbnths since the review was first announced and in
order to avoid charges of a coverorder to avoid charges of a cover-

can he give serious consideration to publishing the subsequent re-views so the matter can be brought under public scrutiny in the House and suspicions about telephoneand suspicions about telephone-tapping can be eradicated?

Mr Whitelaw: The Prime Minister.

made clear Lord Diplock's first report would be published. It will be published shortly. We will con-sider what Mr Cryer said there-after. sider what Mr Cryer said thereafter.

Mr Whitelaw: I have set out my position in previous statements. I have nothing to add to what I said then.

first function is the protection of the state and that some measure of telephone-tapping will remain essential to that end whatever gov-ernment is in power and under whatever circumstances. Mr Whitelaw: I entirely agree. Mr George Cunningham, an

Mr George Cunningham, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Islington, South, and Pinsbury, Lab): This report and the White Paper of the last Parliament related only to the police, customs and excise and the security service which is under his own authority. In view of recent public allegations, can he assure the House there is no trespassing of the Home Secretary's preserve by any surveillance conducted by any of the services answerable to the Foreign Secretary?

Mr Whitelaw: I have set out my

Lower water charges for hydro-electric power

There were justifiable fears among householders that the criminal fraternity were making increased use of the practice of pretending to be meter readers to gain entry to houses for serious crimes, including murder, Lord Tanlaw (L) said during the report stage of the Energy Conservation Bill. He moved an amendment to Clause 15 (Grants for the purposes of energy conservation advice schemes) providing that grants could be given to house owners to resite their gas and electricity meters outside the premises.

mises.

The Earl of Gowrie, Minister of State for Employment, said the question of the siting of meters was best left to the boards and the gas corporation to handle as they thought fir, taking into account the interests and wishes of their customers.

The amendment was withdrawn. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal (C) moved a new Clause (Use of water power for electricity generation etc) the intention of which was that water authorities should

used as an afternative or supplementary source of power.

The Earl of Gowrie, Minister of State for Employment, said the Government believed that there was a defensible case for making only minimal charges for abstraction for hydro-power instead of charging on a volume-related basis.

The Government intended to amend the Bill to require the water authorities to take into account the extent to which in the interests of energy conservation people should be charged for hydro-power abstractions to prevent them from inhibiting abstrac-tions of this kind. Such an amendment would go a long way towards meeting the entirely legitimate grievancies of water power users.

The amendment was withdrawn and the report stage was concluded.

The Deep Sea Mining (Temporary Provisions) Bill passed the committee stage.

Next week's business

Monday: Employment and Training Bill, second reading. Tuesday: Atomic Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill and

The main business in the House Bill and Safety of Children in-of Commons next week will be: Cars Bill, second readings. The main business in the House of Lords will be: Monday: Wildlife and Countryside Bill, committee (fourth day). of practice which the last Government introduced and got agreed? Does this mean that the Government has decided in the event of a dispute to abandon consultation and replace it by through any other means of settling confrontation?

Lady Young: He is not entirely accurate. The thining of the recent review of contingency planning is entirely fortuitous. Work started as long ago as 1979, following winter of 1979, as he will recall.

Serious matter and their deployment introduced and their deployment introduced and got agreed? Provisions and Armed Forces Bill, second read-ings.

Wednesday: Debate on Opposition wednesday: Debate on Mr David Steel's 10-point plan for economic recovery. Debate on continued operation of Concorde. Thursday: Education (Scotland) (No 2) Bill, second reading.

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Friday: Private Members' Bills: Private Members' Bills: Opposition of Concorde.

Thursday: Wildlife and Country-side Bill, committee (fifth day).

Adoption of Moderating wage settlements and lowering code for inflation provide chance for expansion inflation provide chance for expansion

The four key elements in the had been tight and had helped Government's economic strategy were set out by Mrs Margaret six months, retail prices had Thatcher, the Prime Mainister; The risen by 3.7 per cent only though this figure understated the understa

of inflation.

The three other aspects were a sustained effort to reduce pressure on the economy created by excessive. Government spending; the need for unit labour costs to be compenitive with those of risals in order to secure more jobs; and the need for the Government to the need for the Government to set the right economic framework. Two new enterprise zones in the North of England, she announced, would be at Hartlepool and at South Kirkby in West Yorkshire. South Kirkby in West Yorkshire.

Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C) moved a Government motion:

That this House approves the economic and industrial policies of the Government; welcomes the condining fall in the rate of inflation, greater realism in wage bargaining, and increasing awareness in industry of the need to be compenitive; and recognizes that lower inflation, higher output, an expanding private sector and better industrial relations provide the only secure basis for more jobs."

She said the comrepiece of the Government's strategy remained the conquest of inflation. It would be a worthy enough aim in itself. To have any other objective was to set out to cheat all those who had saved. But the fight against inflation was far more than that.

had saved. But the fight against inflation was far more than that. It was the only way to achieve the other economic goals.

Inflation and unemployment were not alternatives except in the short term. For years there had been a widespread belief that one could have high inflation and high unemployment at the same time, that more jobs could be secured if one was prepared to put up with a little more inflation. But experience of the past 25 years had taught Conservatives that these beliefs were a more changing illusion. (Conservative cheers.)

Inflation and unemployment rose inexorably together. Each new Government had had a higher rate of unemployment than the preceding one and it was this cycle that this Government had set out to break. (Renewed Conset out to break. (Menewed Con-servative cheers.)
Yet Labour and their TUC friends were advocating the same process. Their proposals amounted to a huge injection of money into the economy. This would mean still higher inflation and no prospect of unemployment ever coming down.

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The Opposition preferred a prospectus which had been discredited by experience.

Instead of relying on wage and price controls which never worked for long, the Government's principal weapon for cutting inflation was control of the money supply. Monetary conditions as a whole

this figure understated the under-lying trend because of the pattern

of price increases during the year.

The second aspect of the Government's strategy was a sustained effort to reduce pressure on the economy created by excessive Government spending.
Unless this is done (she said) there just will not be room for

there just will not be room for the private sector to prosper and to create jobs.

An overmained public sector, financed by an overburdened and overtaxed private sector, strugging to keep its costs to the bone, would be another recipe for unemployment.

The Government had made some progress in reducing the extravagance of the previous government but because of the effects of the recession, there had been some unavoidable spending increases, particularly on nationalincreases, particularly on national-ized industries and unemployment

However, we shall (she coninterest, we shall (see con-immed) come out of the recession with a substantial reduction in the underlying level of public spending. This will leave room for expansion in the private sector where most of the new jobs will be created. If the TUC's proposals to increase public spending by £4.7 billion were not fluanced honestly, the country would be on the road to byperimitation. On the third element in the

strategy, to secure more jobs, unit labour costs must be competitive with those of rivals. Though pay sertlements had moderated in recent months, some were still too Pay negotiators were now learning, alas the hard way and not with much help (rom Labour MPs,

that excessive pay settlements meant bankruptcies and fewer meant bankruptcies and fewer jobs.
Competitiveness was not only a question of cost and price. They had been losing out for years in terms of new technology, new investment and new products.
One of the reasons had been declining profitability and a reason for that was that people earning wages and salaries had taken too much out for today and left too little for investment tomorrow.

Mr Peter Tapsell (Horncastle, C) said a Reuter report this morning said that the British Government now intended to pursue a different exchange rate policy to help British industry. If that was the case, a lot of people in industry and politics would welcome it as they felt it would help restrain the rising levels of unemployment. rising levels of une Mrs Thatcher said that rapid in-creases in the exchange rate caused tremendous problems for exporting Industries. The Government did not have a positive policy for

and the exchange rate. They would bear the high exchange rate in mind when taking other decisions. Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): It's the same old story.

Mrs Thatcher: Of course it is. The
truth usually is the same old story. (Loud Conservative cheers). Mr Skinner: The truth about this Government's policy is that it de-liberately engineered two and a half million people on the dole and it is rising still probably to well over three million to try to subjugate the trade unions and

That is the policy of this Goverament and that is why eventually we shall get her out either in this place or outside and replace her with (Loud Conservation). tive protests and cries of "Oh "). Mrs Thatcher; That is not the truth. It is plain rubbish and the sort of rubbish we expect from him, The latter part of his remarks shows he is more interested in what happens outside this House than in the process of

the new Labour Party which was not the face of democrats but er left to the East European type of economy. Another of the reasons for de-clining profitability was that com-panies which had invested had

panies which had invested had often been unable to use their new machinery efficiently because of restrictive practices and resistance to change. Companies would not invest unless the unions allowed them to use new equipment and machinery to the benefit of that company and those who worked there.

there.

It did not seem to occur to Labour MPs that one of the main reasons British industry has been short of orders had been that it could not compete.

The TUC economic review for 1981 suggested they had not learnt the lesson either. There was scarcely a reference to competitiveness, productivity or profitability ness, productivity or profitability on the whole document. Competitiveness would decline

further unless management and workforce shared an understanding of the need to earn sufficient profits for investment, developprofits for investment, development and innovation.

It is not enough (she said) to look only at next week's wage packet if you want job security. The Government is doing all it can to promote this understanding, but the Opposition say we should return to their tired old formula of more government intervention, more controls and more nationalization. That is the last thing the country needs. (Conservative

some time to achieve this but it must be done if they were to re-lease the full potential in Britain. The fourth element in the strategy was that the Government had to set the right economic framework. It had reduced the basic and higher level of income

tax nearer to the level of the country's main competitors so that those who had talent and energy to create new business would do so in this country. Those were the only policies that would succeed in the long run. The Government recognized that there were difficulties during

the transition period and it was doing everything it could to cushion the barsher effects of the it accepted there was a special

duty to young people unable to find jobs.

The Government tad done everything it could on the industry side to encourage oversess investment in the development areas. It had introduced the concept of enterprise zones and they would bring real stimulus to some of the worst bit areas and provide, the basis of future prosperity. With the nine zones already an-

With the nine zones already an nounced the Government had promised another one in the North. The Government had now decided there should be two northern zones. One would be in Hartlepool, Cleveland, and the other at South Kirkby, near Wakefield, in West Yorkshire.

The Opposition was advancing policies even more extreme than those they followed when in office. The Labour Party called for massive extra spending of money which the country did not have, which it could not borrow, and which would force it to print. and which would force it to print This policy would lead Britai back to the hands of the IMF. Wage settlements were modera-ting and inflation was coming down without controls on prices down without controls on prices or incomes. They now had the chance to move into expansion without these inbulk distortions to

country trading with a stable currency, making better use of its manpower. This would be imperilled if they resorted to import, capital exchange and socialist controls. It would also he imperilled by massive increases in public spending, borrowing and printing.

when the wealth-creating conditions in the economy were right, together with confidence about value of money, and realism in wage bargaining, wealth would be created. This wealth would be created would provide the job spent and would provide the jobs (Conservative cheers)

Industry being wiped off map-Mr Foot

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab) moved as an amendment: "That this House, deploring both the massive rise in unemployment and the massive fall in industrial output, calls upon the Government to abandon its economic and monetary policies which are crippling British industry and inflicting great and lasting damage on the whole economy."

He said he did not dispute the He said he did not dispute the

Prime Minister's sincerity in claiming that fighting inflation was the centreplece of her policy, but there was one moment when she and her Government wavered, with serious consequences. That was the moment when she and was the moment when she and
the Chancellor of the Exchequer
introduced that first budget.
The Government wavered because it thought it was more
important to fulfil its election
promises to one small section of
the community than it was to carry
them out for the rest of the community. (Labour cheers).

If the Below Minister Travered

If the Prime Minister pursued the proposals to reduce inflation by the means she had been adopting up to now, she might succeed. The inflation rate might eventually come down to its level at the time she took office. It was quite ally come down to its level at the time she took office. It was quite likely that she would get it down further still.

If she did it by the means she was employing at present, the result for industry and employment would be catastrophic. (Load Labour, cheers.)

ment would be catastrophic. (Load Labour cheers).
One of the many shameful actions this Government had taken was to run away from its commitment. To low-paid workers. When Labour returned to power it would take measures to assist them. To fight inflation successfully over a long period, it was necessary to have a policy for protecting low-paid workers.

The Prime Minister argued that

the cause of unemployment in recent times had been the high inflation rate and that any attempt to solve Britain's problems by a fresh round of reflation would produce greater memployment. She had the temerity to say that this was based on experience. It was certainly not based on the experience of the 1920s and 1930s. In those years there was no great inflation, but there was mass unemployment. From 1945 to 1968 there were

about 18 different attempts by different governments to reflate the economy. Throughout that period the anemployment figure did not rise above 2 or 24 per cent. It was difficult to claim the cause of the unemployment.

The Prime Minister, who liked to claim that she was so practical in her nature, never learnt from experience. That was the trouble. She tried to prevent her com-panions from learning from experi-

So far from saying that the proof of the pudding was in the cating, she said that the proof of the pudding must be looked for in some old-professor's cookery book. (Laughter.)

Mrs Thatcher, was trying to persuade the country that what was happening was much less serious than was the reality. She had failed to understand the scale of

failed to understand the scale of the crisis and gave too optimistic accounts of how the country might escape.

might escape.

Industry was producing less than it did 10 years ago. Jobs in manufacturing were being lost, perhaps permanently, at the rate of 12,000 a week. No other country in the West except Belgium was losing its industry so fast, and all in the sacred name of competition.

In the name of competition more British industries were being

wiped off the map than ever before. When the recession ended those industries would not be there to compete. That was the reality. had always regarded Mr He had always regarded Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, to have what he would call pawky imperturbibility. That was the Government's best form of defence. Mr Biffen, whether in the Government, out of it or half out of it, would always seek to tell MPs what he believed to be the truth.

In January 1980 Mr Biffen said that there would be three years of unparallelled austerity. He did not exactly win a bouquet from Mrs Thatcher for that declaration. It did not deter him, because a few months large here.

few mouths later he was saying that his prophecy had not been invalidated. (Laughter). invalidated. (Laughter).

In April, Mr Biffen had said:
"I fear in politics there is all too often a disposition to be optimistic far too soon." Those words recurred as he (Mr Foot) listened to Mrs Thatcher, particularly because Mr Biffen had been in the last few weeks examining the profitability of The Sunday Times.

If (he continued) he Thinks The

profitability of The Sunday Times.

If (he continued) he thinks The Sunday Times is not profitable. I wonder how many other industries in Britain would be condemned on that same method of book-keeping? (Laughter).

It would be a very wide range of industry that will be coming knocking on his back door, or the back door of the Secretary of State for Industry, if the same criteria he applies to the hopeless unprofitability of The Sunday Times was to be applied to a whole range of British industry.

I hope Mr Biffen will explain to its how many unprofitable industries it is his determination to keep in being during this recession.

for not being prepared to say how high unemployment was to go, or how long they were to cominge with the policies which helped to cause it, but it was hard to dispute the claim of the TUC document about the scale and nature of the unemployment problem which faced them.

There was no doubt that the unemployment was the unemployment by the unemployment of the unemployment problem which faced them. There was no doubt that the un-

employment situation was the most serious of the century. That was the basis on which the House should approach it. Mrs Thatcher did not. She continued situation and had given more in the Commons on Tuesday, about

Instead of cutting public expenditure the Government should boost spending and expand public services. Instead of ensuring that the pound was kept at a high level the Government should bring its value down to a level where British manufacturers could compete in world markets.

Instead of standing by while foreign producers took an increasing share of the British market, it should control imports. Instead of withdrawing industria support in many regions, it should help industry to modernize and create jobs.

Instead of reducing aid to the depressed areas, it should subsidize the creation of jobs of those areas. It should pour more money into ensuring people were properly

trained.

It all came back to Mrs Thatcher. More and more of her followers and even some associates in the Cabinet revolted against the policy she was seeding to impose on them and the country. She had already won her niche in history.

Incomes policy imposed by fear-Mr Steel

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peobles, L.), said there was a state of total paralysis in the official Opposition.

An opposition which had been crying out for weeks for a debate on the economy had an obligation to put before the House some alternative, but one looked in alternative, but one looked in vain at the amendment for an alternative. The reason was that if Mr Foot had had to put down in the amendment some of the policies outlined in his speech one half of the party or the other would have profoundly disagreed with him. with himThis state of paralysis allowed the Prime Minister to get away with saying there was no alternative. Mr Foot had called for import controls. There were a number of people whose names appeared in an advertisement in The Guardian today, members of the Labour Party, who would not subscribe to that.

It was no part of his programme.

It was no part of his programme to support the idea they could be an isolationist centrally-controlled economy ignoring the rest of the The Government was not making minor shifts in the balance of society or the economy but was making fundamental and long term changes in the economy from which it would be extremely difficult to recover.

There needed to be a reduction in interest rates and in the high rate of sterling. There was scope for increasing public, investment in the mation's future infrastructure. The Prime Minister had refer-

The Prime Minister had refer-red to a new realism in wage har-gaining but that was not a new long-term realism. It was an incomes policy through fear. The Government was totally failing in not looking for a greater spread of industrial partnership. Neither the Government nor the official Opposition would lead the county into the path of partner-ship and cooperation which was essential for the nation's recovery. Sir John Eden (Bournemouth West, C) said their lack of com-

petitiveness had been due to the high labour costs. There was no doubt that United Kingdom unit labour costs in manufacturing had been rising by many times those of their competitors in 1978-30. Most of the country's problems stemmed from the low level of productivity. Mr Dongias Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea North, Lab) said almost any alternative policies would be better than the extreme ones of the present Government. The right remedy today would be a steady reflation of demand, hand-in-hand with Articles and the contraction of the present the contraction of the with effective restraint on money costs. Interest rates should be sub-Provided the interest and ex-change rates were brought down and costs restrained production would recover and the Chancellor of the Exchequer should in this year's budget relax the equeeze.

other than the special rax on bank-ing profits which was obviously necessary and allow public borrow-ing to increase so long as the in-crease was mainly for capital ex-penditure in the public or private sector. Mr Cransley Onslow (Woking, C) asid developments over the past 18 months had gone a long way to cure some of the deep-seated fills which had made Britain so innefficient and improductive. Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C) said that she Con-servative Party had pledged at the

He should raise no new taxes

general ejection that defence should have the first call on resources. Somehow the Govern-ment was able to spend billions on lame ducks; why could it not do that for defence? Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said that there was no middle way. There was the Government's solution at the expense of the people, or the alternative of the economic policies put for-ward by the Labour Party. The Labour proposals were not those of an east European state. That was a slander they were get-ting used to but it did not come well from the Prime Minister.

Mr Stephen Dorrell (Lough-borough, C) said that he was con-cerned that recovery, if it came, was likely to be preempted by inflation. The key problem was that British industry was uncom-petitive compared with others in the world. the world.

the world.

It was better to bring about a devaluation of the exchange rate against the background of a tight domestic market as at present than to wait two years when, it was hoped, the domestic market would be freer and the inflationary consequences of devaluation much greater. sequences of devaluation much greater.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall, North, Lab) said interest rates should be reduced, there should be a more realistic exchange rate, and there should be selective import controls.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee, East, Scot Nat) said the Government should have a new look at apprenticeships, training and retraining. It should be subsidising large numbers of apprentices. Unless that happened there would be a shortage of skilled labour when industries began to pick up. industries began to pick up.. Mr John Stokes Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) said he saw several hopeful signs. Management was much more on its toes; re-search, development, design and marketing had been sharpened; overmanning was being dealt with at last; productivity was improv-ing and there was much more realism on the shop floor. Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition

spokesman on Treasury and econ-omic affairs. (Tower Hamlets. Stepney and Poplar, C), said the Government had crippled industry with unprecedented high interest rates and foreign exchange rates. There had been a radical reduc-tion in the real level of public expenditure but that cut had been disguised by the inevitable increase in social security payments the Government had had to make to those whose pobs had been des-troved.

If was absurd and tragic that

the wealth from North Sez oil and the great accumulated savings of people at work through pension funds and insurance companies should be flowing not into British fadustry but across the frontiers to help finance firms and businesses abroad that would compete with Britain even more vigorously in future.

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vigorously in future.
Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State
for Trade (Oswestry, C), said the
House should be under no illusion,
that the siren voices that would be
lincreasingly heard would be those
of social democracy.

They would be the ones from
banking citadels in the City but
using a Limehouse accommodation,
address which would be trying to
persuade everyone that there were
easy and relatively painless solutions to what they knew to be
inherently intractable problems.

Pay settlements were much more
in touch with reality as evidence
from the CBI data bank showed in
the private sector they dropped
from an average of 16 per cent in
July last to about 10 per cent in
November and December.

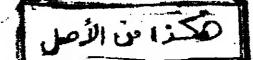
There were factors which save There were factors which gave

cause for measured optimism about the point of which the re-cession would bottom out. It was a nonsense and a travesty to suggest that the Treasury had pursued their policies with a rea-lous ideology which was imper-vious to compromize. The monetary and fiscal policy of the Gov-ernment from the outset was al-ways modest and gradualist. ways modest and gradualist.

He did not deny that the Government's monetary and fiscal policies might have had some modest short - term transitional impact.
(Labour laughter.) But he would not be deterred from placing on record what he knew to be true.

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The Opposition amendment was rejected by 309 votes to 240—Government majority, 69, and the Government motion was agreed to.



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THE ARTS

Cinematic magic of Tarkovsky's dreadful vision

Stalker (A) Academy 1

Story of the Last Chrysanthemums (U) Gate 3, Camden Town

The Reign of Naples Electric Cinema

Nine to Five (AA) Odeon, Leicester Sq

The Formula (AA)

Plaza I

Prom Night (X) London release

The Trials of Alger Hiss Riverside Studios

Andrei Tarkovsky is the Soviet Union's greatest living film-maker, but his career has evidently been no great source of comfort or satisfaction to the cultural establishment. His films are all epic in concept (which is acceptable) but they are also enigmatic, inquisitive, sceptical—qualities not farnured in contemporary Soviet

Few of Tarkovsky's films since he first burst on the scene with Ivan's Childhood, 19 years ago, have had untroubled histories. Andrei Rubler, a recreation of the barbarous world in which the fifteenth-century icon painter struggled to create humane art, was shelved for six years. The Mirror, a study in autobiography (currently to be seen at the Minema in Knightsbridgel, was condemned as "a film crosscreation of the barbarous world condemned as "a film cross-word puzzle", temporarily shelved, and finally given refuctant and restricted referse. Only Solaris and now reluctant Stalker have met relatively few official problems, even though Stalker, it might be felt is the most sceptical of all Tarkovsky's films in its metaphorical implications.

It is loosely based on an episade from a story by two popular Soviet science fiction writers, the Strugatsky Brothers. The anecdote is set in an un-specified but not too distant future, in a world, recognizably Russian, that is dehumanized, decayed, eroded and polluted by senseless, improvident industrialization. "The Zone" is a space that, since some unex-plained interplanetary visitaplained interplanetary visita-tion, has remained shut off, forbidden, dangerous. The Stalker is one of a race of people who live by penetrating The Zone, guiding people

there. In the original novel the

Stalkers were concerned in retrieving, for profit, scientific paraphernalia abandoned in The Zone. For Tarkovsky, the quest is spiritual, for The Zone contains a room where all human desires can be fulfilled. My Stalker is the last of the idealists, a man who believes in the possibility of happiness independent of the will or the capabilities of people."

The central theme of the

film, an adventure in search of confrontation with a man's own soul, is paralleled by Rub-lev and Solaris—which both have the same actor, Anatoli Solonitsin, in leading roles. In those films too the central figure is flanked by two other contrasted representatives of humanity—the monks Theophan and Kirill and the dogmatic and the existentialist scientists of Solaris have their direct counterparts in The Scientist and The Writer who are Stalker's companions in The Zone. Faced with the prospect of The Room, neither of these two has the spiritual courage to face it. The Writer fears the unworthiness of his most secret desires: The Scientist produces a bomb to destroy the place so that it

may not be misused.

More durably impressive than the metaphysical and Dostoevskian odysseys and the metaphorical possibilities (in Stalker the characters are torn between two conflicting worlds—East and West per-haps?—that are equally inrolerable) is the visual magic of Tarkovsky's cinema. Each film creates its own universe: the beautiful birth woods of Ivan's Childhood concealing the deathly menace of the human beast: the medieval chaos of Rubles. violent

the return from The Zone, is presented by a dead river, overhung by a signatic black power station. This, we dis-

Tarkovsky will be interviewed at the National Film Theatre next Sunday at 3.00

There is a rare chance to see Japan. an equally remarkable film— perhaps, indeed, one of the great classics of world cinema, though until recently it was hardly known in the West. The Story of the Last Chrysanthe-Some of his shots last for eight mums is the work of the or 10 minutes, the dramatic Japanese director Kenji Mizo-pointing achieved not by the guchi (1898-1956), one of the most subtle and sophisticated artists ever to use the medium. Made in 1939 at a time when camera. His travelling shots—the Japanese cinema was being as he follows an ambulant conlargely coerced into the aggressive purposes of the war panicky search up and down a machine, Mizoguchi's film reliway train—are still models escaped to the past world of the Meiji era, specifically the 1880s, and the Kabuki theatre.

as he follows an ambulant consocial-political conflicts— out anyone apparently able to Church and radical social-ger right such elementary ism; Communism and the things as making story, script American capitalist dram. or characters comprehensible old operatic camp and logical. The director, John the Weiler, however. To provide contrast tic death scenes and decerative Steve Shagan, both, allegedly,



Aleksandr Kaidanovsky as Stalker (left), Nikolai Grinko as The Professor, Anatoli Solonitsin at The Writer

On the surface it is a roman-tic tragedy about the life of an actor, Kikunosuke, the beir to a great stage dynasty. He falls in love with a servant girl, Oruku, because she is the only one of his entourage who is honest enough to criticize his acting. When his father dis-misses Otuku, Kikumsuke follows her. Forced to work in touring companies, his art is developed through experience and suffering; and years later he rejoins the family theatre, now a great actor. Otuku, realizing that she is now only a burden to him, leaves him. They meet again and are reconciled; but Otuku dies at the moment Kikunosuke is accepting the accolade of a triumphal procession.

In both concerns and style the film is staggeringly mod-ern. It is a truly feminist picture. The portrait of Oruku as the strongest and most intellioverhung by a gigamic black gent figure in the drama (Kikpower station. This, we discover, is a real location, a his triumph as an "oyama" or
raped, industrialized region of male actress) provides a vigestimate. and traditionalist attitudes that were still very prevalent when the film was made, and still survive today, not only in

> Stylistically the film remains unsurpassable. Thirty years before the West, Mizoguchi in-" cutting-in-shot" vented a style of moving camerawork. Some of his shots last for eight traditional forms of montage but by the subtle and exact movement and placing of the

in the scenes of the Kabuki performances, Mizoguchi reverts to the conventional montage methods inherited ge methods inherited Griffith and Eisepstein, uses them the same precision, undemon-strative flair and quiet power. Any actor or film-maker

Any actor or film-maker should see The Story of the Last Chrysanthemums as an essential part of his education. Anyone may enjoy it as a work of art of extraordinary purity, and of delights which survive intact even though the available copies of the film are somewhat misted by the decays of 40 years. After such riches, attention

is inevitably somewhat idly bent on the rest of the week's pent on the rest of the week's offerings. As a prominent figure in the German underground cinema. Werner Schroeter made a series of long, ubsurdist, operatically inspired pictures that hovered between high and low camp. In The Reign of Naples he goes straight and commercial; and the film has an awful air of Youmustn't-laugh-l'm-being-serious now about it. It is also very much like a

young West German tourist in search of Naples, with its exotic temperament and colour in search of the nostalgia of Italian neo-realist pictures, and dropping in on Political Commitment. The film is an commitment. Are and yeary laboration with ratrice ambitious (not to say very laboration with ratrice long) panorama of Italian his nick.

The Formula is the sort of the Hollywood: a tory, as reflected in an impro-bably wretched and oppressed slum community, between the of the Pagano family symbolize social-political conflicts—

funerals, the whore who trades attempted without success to in a red-flag crimson tent on have their names removed the streets, or the constant from the finished film.

excesses of Neapolitan histrionics-to alienate belief in any scene or character or

Nine to Five is a situation comedy with a lot going for it. It is firmly rooted in the hard reality of every-day office life and in particular the sort of perty executive tyrant that sours the lives of millions of white-collar workers across the world. It has the confidence that thirties comedies had, in taking wing into flights of day-dream absurdity, as our three heroines kidnap and shackle their awful boss and reform the office in his absence. A succession of ironic pay-offs ends with his being kicked upstairs to the Brazilian jungle, disappearing for ever.

The film's greatest strength is a well-teamed comic trio. Jane Fonda—as the divorcee forced into her first job and terrorized by typewriters and photocopiers—complements the dry comedy of Lily Tomlin, all suppressed desperation, and the extraordinary charm of Dolly Parton, a dazzle of bust and bottom and blonde frizz intimating depths of warmth and concern. This unpretentiously enjoyable film was directed by Colin Higgins from a script he wrote in col-laboration with Patricia Res-

thing they do in Hollywood: a rash expenditure of money and end of the war and the 1970s, talent (Marion Brando repor-The parents and two children tedly received three millions dollars for three scenes) with out anyone apparently able to

The piry is that it is a per-fectly good idea for a political

thriller : the murderous machinations of world oil cartels to suppress a wartime secret for-mula for synthetic fuel. Even had it been better thought out, though George C. Scott would still have laid a heavy hand upon it, in the role of the investigator.

Prom Night dutifully goes through the teenage horror formula established by (inter al) Carrie. Hallowe'en and Terror Train: a dark deed from the past; a "Six Years Later" title; an unidentified avenger axing and slicing his way through a series of smooth-skinned teenage victims. The boyish Jamie Lee Curus seems indispensable to the genre, in which the Canadian cinema has made a small corner. This specimen, no better or worse than the rest, was directed by the British-born Paul Lynch.

It would be more advisable to seek out one of the four special afternoon screenings of The Trials of Alger Hiss at Riverside Studios tomorrow and on Sunday and on Feb-ruary 21 and 28. The 166minute documentary meticulously investigates the espionage and perjury cases on which Richard Nixon climbed to national prominence. It is the first film of John Lowen-thal, a lawyer who as a 25year-old student attended sessions of the Hiss trials. Lowenthal assembles contemporary newsreels and news interviews with surviving participants, and the film includes appearances by the former President Nixon and Alger Hiss himself.

David Robinson

the words, their sounds and their sense, a capacity to lighten the voice almost to gentle speech, and a command of expressive colour, for a start. Perhaps—there were indica-tions of this—she is not yet

familiar with the music at a deep enough level, or fully at

home in its elusive idiom.

home in its elusive idiom. Much as one could relish the sound que sound, time and again one longed for a more forward delivery, one that permitted a proper articulation of the consonants. The throwaway phrese, needed for example in "Villanelle", is scarcely in her

repertory; and when she is asked, as in "Au cimetiere",

to sing "a un quart de voix", the focus and the evenness tend to fade. There were lovely

things, to be sure, like the hint

nurturing and gently cultivat-ing the ear and sensibility. Mozer's A minor Roado, K511,

delicately touched into life, soon revealed, through an ex-

quisitely pianistic mezza vocc,

that depth of dark feeling, albeit recollected in tranquility, so reministent of the B minor

It led on to Beethoven's last Sonata, the C minor, Op.111.

Its long second movement Arietta was deeply absorbed

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Portrait of the artist as comic genius

er was born in the same year popular education—hardly a as Eamon de Valera and character in the fiction could Wyndham Lewis, But whereas be acquitted of advertising his the donnish politics of the one modest talents as autodictatand the violent imagery of the other have faded in the public memory, Joyce is a contemporary figure. A Portrait of the Artist is the classic account of a Catholic upbringing; Ulusses remains the twenneth-century novel non pareil; Finnegans Wake is the Great Unread, and replaces the Great Unwashed in the mythology of an A-level age. Ninety-nine years ago, on February 2, 1883, James Augustine Joyce was born in Dublin. In the words of his hero in

A Portrait Joyce chose the weapons of silence, exile, and cunning with which to deal cuming with which to deal with his Irish, Catholic, and lowering middle-class background. His intellectual pride brought him out from the sodality-and-parlour world into which he was born. Unlike Wilde, Shaw and O'Casey, his exile was never English—at Dover en route between Paris Dover en route between Paris and Dublin he pretended not to speak English so as to avoid tipping a porter, His finely modulated, hyper-conscious modulated, hyper-conscious prose isolated him also from the tradition of English literature. Like so many non-Englishmen—W. B. Yeats, Henry James, T. S. Eliot, Ezra Pound—Joyce is in his period pre-eminent in a field almost empty of natives. The Modernist Movement in literature was centred upon a feeling, a desire which might be named in James's words a "religion of foreign things". The settled native, even so restless a native as D. H. Lawrence, only partly apprehended the reality from Dublin to Beirut. It is and universality of exile, the entirely fitting that one of the necessity of cunning.

Joyce's life is so often seen as the raw material of his essentially cheerful art that it is worth emphasizing his poverty, estrangement, illness, and domestic suffering. The irreducible reality of his difficulties should not, in turn, blind us to the obsessive selfcentredness of the artist as family-man. No member of his immediate circle escaped from the seventeep-year accumulation of Work in Progress withour serious emotional injury. As the porter at Dover could restify Joyce was, in the Dublin phrase, a hard man. The guilt engendered in the process of composition entered into the fiction at a deep and subversive level; the loy in life which it radiates was bard earned, and not by the author віопа.

Because he so comprehensiveand social crises of western appeal culture for his age, Joyce has and become part of the syllabus, being despite himself. Doubtless he would have resented this, not

The great Irish modernist writ- out of any clitist contempt for but out of the firm belief that his fiction does not require elaborately ritualized tech-niques of elucidation. It requires intelligence and a healthy appende for life with, perhaps, some interest in literature other than his own. The humanity and accessibility of his work is too often passed over in favour of eniginas and

hypotheses. His emotional range of interests is exceedingly wide, and his tolerance absolute. Leopold Bloom, the Jewishborn. Protestant baptized, Cath-olic-baptized hero of Ulysses, is his type of the ordinary man, other fictional character has been so fully and comprehensively created in all the minutiae of his feelings and thoughts. This is universally acknowledged, and yet critics stress the exhaustive dimen-sion of this creation and not its all-including greatness.

There are questions to be asked as to why, in the period of the Great War and in the work of an Irish bourgeois, it was necessary to build up his hero to such an extraordinary degree, but the answers ought to accommodate the magnitude of the achievement as well as the need and the impetus

Joyce adored coincidence. went to pains to ensure that he first saw copies of both Ulysses and Finnegans Wake on February 2 (1922 and 1939) respectively). Next year his centenary will be celebrated with symposia and conferences principal organizers of the Dublin celebrations should be David Norris, a lecturer in English in Trinity College Dublin (which Joyce definitely did not attend) and chief architect of a campaign to reform lre-land's anti-homosexual laws.

In America, where Joyce's work has been more enthusias-tically received than in Britain, several volumes of commemo-rative essays will be published. In England, the occasion will be marked by a weekend residential conference in Leeds (April 24, 1982).

At the moment it seems that

Joyce lacks the popular appeal of Lawrence. To a considerable extent this results from his notorious unfilmability as a novelist. The Leeds conference will not be restricted to dons and researchers; the range of lectures will reach well beyond any one academic doctrine, Joyce's hundredth birthday ly wrote the dominant psychic should confirm the continuing appeal of a great comic writer a sympathetic human

W. J. McCormack

Marika's Cafe Theatre Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

Anthony Masters

A baby grand, a feather boa, a bortle of champagne (well, Veuve du Vernay), a skull, an accordion: these are all Marika Rivers needs to recall the Montmartre of her youth. That and yards of black tulle, temperament in abundance, and a curly chesmut wig that makes her look strangely like Louis MV in lipstick but still leaves

her formidable.

"Enter the roundabout of life", she announces in a heavy accent, "life and love . . . loy and misery . . . the soldier and the clown." Connoisseurs of Cliché will read the signs at once; an acute case of purple nostalgia in which a script editor will have no part (Miss Rivera is credited as her own director).

Pausing only for a 10-minute historical lecture, she launches into a tour of cafe personalities from Lautrec and the Goulue to Picasso, relieved by songs from Bruant to Piaf, recitations, and a mime that Isadora Duncan taught her to accompany the Moonlight

She points each double entendre with an arch grimace, or two if things are going well, but has already reserves of pathos for a Damia song about seaguls who embody the souls of departed sailors, or a vision of Isadora still dancing in a

multicoloured cloudscape. Her Mistinguette, weighted with red satin, a ton of feathers and enough pearls to shoot a hundred Duchesses of Malfi. is superb in its chutzpah, if uncomfortably close to Jean Fredericks in full drag at the Vauxhall Tavern. And, as the daughter of the artists Marevna and Diego Rivera, she can bring us a personal view of Modigliani's Montparnasse circle which makes up in gush for what it lacks in precision and, as the running time approaches three hours, rewards the audience's good nature with an account of why Soutine never washed and what Picasso did in the sand. Insufficiently enthusiastic listeners, however, may be told: "If you don't like me, eff off. Serve you right. Who cares?" So long as you know.

The New York Shakespeare Festival production of the musical Pm Getting My Act Together and Taking it on the Road opens at the Apollo Theatre on March 31 (previews from March 26). The show has book and lyrics by Gretchen Cryer and music by Nancy Ford, and is directed by Word Baker. Diane Langton and Ben Cross lead the cast. It opened in New York in May, 1978, and 19 still running there; it is also running in Chicago, Los running in Chicago, Angeles and Melbourne.

The Suicide Aldwych

Ned Chaillet Expanded from

Warehouse stage into a production fit for the Aldwych,
The Suicide grows also in
stature on the Royal Shakespeare Company's main stage. Rumours drift back from the United States of the lack of ontied States of the lack of success of the American production in which the play was found to be inferior although Derek Jacobi scored a personal success. Obviously something was wrong, but the production by Ron Daniels again demonstrates that the play is splendid and its strengths appear every where in the writing, not only in the part of the suicide himself, so triumphantly taken here by Roger Rees.

Judged comically, or simply as a farce, it has the releatless illogic of absurdism. When Semyonovicch wakes his wife to ask for a liver sausage, he starts a chain of events that leads rather crookedly to the graveyard. When she mistakes his nocturnal hunger for a suicide nocturgal hunger for a suicide bid, the neighbour she calls in to save him sees the chance to make money and auctions off the suicide to people who want their causes named as the reason. Semyon, who earns a banquer for his despair, then feels obliged to kill himself.

Complications multiply in the text, but they are as nothing compared to the complications in the Soviet Union when both Meyerhold and Stanislavski wanted to do the play. Nikolai Erdman's plot added a wide scythe of satire, toppling the pretensions of workers who could justify even voyeurism by calling it Marxist, of godless orthodox priests, of romantic Russian writers and of a whole society. Censors right up to Stalin himself thought it was anti-Soviet and the standard irony remains: had they authorized production it would have been transformed into comradely criticism and enter-tainment and it would not have been left to the RSC to discover its values.

However comical, nothing about the play is frivolous. Against a fraudulent suicide. Erdman sets a real suicide and against Semyon's despair about unemployment—for that topical thing it is—he sets an affirma-tive belief in the value of life. The play's disconcerting message, for any censor, is Semyon's plea: "Life is easier when you can say that life is hard".

The RSC production is a performance scored with rich vocal colouring. Mr Rees swoops up and down a scale of comedy and feeling, whether drunkenly telephoning the Kremlin, putting a pistol to his heart or reclining



Roger Rees

Kaye as her mother has just the right touch of a whine It looks as good as it sounds. with Kit Surrey's jagged line of grey doorways set off by a vista of grey brick. The doors in a coffin. Susan Tracy as his open like so many surprise wife has kaleidoscopic shifts of expression, moving instantaneously from grief to sudden the best RSC tradition. edight in her funeral hat and Circling in on Semyon, along is rich as well in humanity:

the rumbling authority of Life with the self-declared representative of the intelligentsia played by Edward Petherbridge. is the ethereal beauty. Emily Richard competing with the blatant slut of Shirley King for the favour of a suicide note. They work the rich mine of packages, to display colourful Erdman's satire for something characters, extravagantly played well beyond a joke at the

ECO/Leppard Festival Hall

Stanley Sadie

The delights of hearing the bright, full ring of Kiri Te Kanawa's voice are never to be underrated. And if one went to the Festival Hall on Wednesday to take isolated instants of pleasure in it, there were a lot of them to be had.

But as performances of pieces by Berlioz and Handel, Miss Te Kanawa's contributions fell rather short. She was, in a word, miscast. Berlioz's Nuits d'été is one of the subtlest soprano items in the entire repertory; it needs not so much a beautiful, creamy voice, but the most assiduous attention to

Mitsuko Uchida Queen Elizabeth Hall Hilary Finch

She studied in Vienna, she won the Beethoven contest there in 1969, and on Wednesday the Japanese pianist Missuko Uchida chose works by Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert composed in that city within 40 years of each other.

and searchingly thought through: this was the sort of playing which could work its magic only if one allowed one-self (as too many restless spirits around me did not) to In a particularly well-planned programme, as concentrated and unified in musical experience as in timespan, each piece prepared the musical and emotional ground for the next,

Holmes/Brymer/Wilde Wigmore Hall

Paul Griffiths

We are entering another period musical centenary fever, with Bartok to be remembered this year and Stravinsky next. The Stravinsky Festival has already brought us premature celebrations, and a few Bartok concerts are to be expected next month, when the big day falls. But the little chamber concert at the Wigmore Hall on Wednesday had the happy idea of, commemorating both composers ar once and with them third, Enescu, another child

of Eartok year. The work chosen was his second violin sonata, written when he was 20 and played here by Ralph Holmes, who studied with the composer. It did not come over as a remarkable work perhaps in part because Mr Holmes was so mild-mannered in his treatment of it. A more persuasive and urgent artist might have made more of the first move-ment, rambling between salon and countryside, and also of the final fast rondo, which needed more bite. However, Mr Holmes, and David Wilde, his accompanist, did score in the slow movement, a beautiful piece of introspection in repose

which leaves the violin alone at the end, spinning insignificant little phrases while the piano climbs softly round the keyboard to a halt. Mc Holmes's rencence and delicacy were also effective throughout Bartok's second sonata, which needs no empha-

sis of its strangeness, dynamism and irony. The harmonics of the first movement were wonderfully stable and therefore more than usually eerie, the drooping phrases easy and natural, the accompaniment from Mr Wilde sonorous in a rather Debussy-like manner that fitted well, and, if there was a conflict in the second move-ment between the violin's light charm and the piano's brisk-ness, that served only to fuel the work towards a strong close. Neither of the trio pieces with Jack Brymer, worked quite so well. Barrok's Contrasts needs three distinctive and powerful personalules to be joined in struggle if the prom ise of the title is not to seem like an excuse for miscalcula-tion. Some poor ensemble only Stravinsky's Soldier's Tale suite had technical faults, too, but is also had more punch and character, and I particularly liked Mr Holmes's puny strid ency in the waltz, as of someone determined to play a part too big for him.

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions

of indolence in "Le spectre de la rose"; but they were not many, and they were isolated. Handel might have served ber better. But ber command of the style is limited, and in any case Raymond Leppard, who

case Raymond Leppard, who conducted, set speeds that tested her both interpretarively and technically. Interpretatively in Cleopatra's "Vadoro, pupilie" from Giulio Cesare: a seduction aria, this, but the performance was matter-of-fact and she rarely had time to deploy ber full seductiveness of tone. She sang ir too like a well learnt party piece, Cleopatra's "Non disperar", where Handel added a cautionary "ma non troppo" to his Allegro, went like the wind, and became approxi-mare, unchythmic and ill-runed. It was sad to hear so justly

well-loved a singer misused.

Mr Leppard conducted, first, Handel's Fireworks Music, a crackling performance of the overture as far as tempo was concerned, and springy rather than sturdy. I enjoyed the crisp oboes in the bourrie, and the novel but convincing organization of the minuet, but not the intrusive flutes or mannered phrasing of "La paix". Then there was Beethoven's fourth symphony, a delightfully clean, unaffected reading, Haydnesque in temper, vital, energetic, but with a touch of pastoral lyricism in the Adagio and the trin, Under-interpreted, perhaps, in that it was short on tension or mystery or strong feeling; but it did good justice to Beethoven the classicist, and the ECO play-

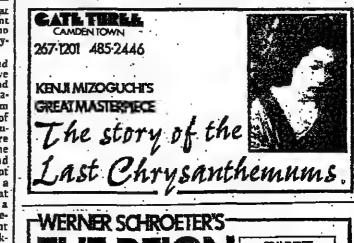
surrender to the sense of awed stillness and internal silence which Miss Uchida so tellingly created Although she tended to over-

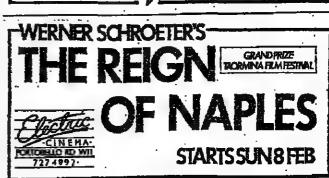
pedal some not entirely immaculate passages in the loud-est, strongest variation, the first movement maestoso and allegro had already proved her ability to create a sense of power, more bitingly forceful than weighty, through the sharp energy which shot through her firmly controlled fingerwork.
One of his most intimate and planistically self-effacing

sonatas, 'Schubert's G major (D 894), was played with that same sense of almost cathartic.

ing bad a welcome polish. stillness. It was at times as if the music was coming from behind a fine gauzy veil: indeed, particularly in the neatly footed last movement. I should have liked the focus

sharpening a little. But there was much to relish and remember: the perfectly judged weighting of each chord in the first movement, the way in which, in high octave pas-sages, Miss Uchida would magic away the shrillness of the Steinway's top register by subtly weighting the lower note, and the rocking recollections of the Schöne Müllerin's lullaby which she drew from the third





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Cricket

Fast bowlers' length and line save day for West Indies

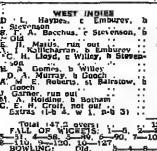
Cricket Correspondent Port of Spain, Feb 5

Even taking into account their shortage of practice, especially against fast bowling, England are unlikely to have a much better chance of beating West Indies than they had yesterday whether in a one-day international or a five-day Test match. The pitch was of more use to English spin chan West Indian speed and West Indian were without Richards, who is such a subcardal part of their is such a substantial part of their

traing.

To the West Indians goes every credit for sticking at it after belog bowled out; for 127 and seeing England get to within fewer than 50 runs of winning with six wickets still in hand. Almost always, it seems, one of their four fast bowlers has an or-day. This time it was Croft, with the remarkable figures of six wickets for 15 runs, 10 of these runs coming in the sixth of his nine overs. It was not that Croft was especially fast. On that pitch no one was; but bowling as he does from wide of the crease; he allows the batsmen little respite, usually slanting the ball in at them and

occasionally making one straighten off the pitch from leg to off.
One of the least playable balls I ever saw was bowled by Croft to Greg Chappell in a Test match in Brisbane on a perfect batting



where near the return crease, it pitched on Chappell's middle stump and hit the off, having moved in at him in the air. There one yesterday of much the same breed.

I happen to think that Croft gets away with a lot of no-balls, not on the return crease with his back foot; but that is for the umpires to decide, No-balls swung the balance yesterday: West indies bowled none, England bowled four and West Indies won by two runs.

It is here in Port of Spain, where England play Table 1 august 1 augu

It is here in Port of Spain, where England play Trinidad on Saturday and West Indies in the first Test tomorrow week, that they are most likely to find an-other pitch like yesterday's. Al-though the square at the Queen's Park Oval has been relaid, there Park Oval has been relaid, there was apparently no knowing it from the way it played in last weekend's Shell Shield match between Trimidad and Barbados. Assuming, it is as slow as ever, and scarcely more durable, it may provide England with their best chance of bowling West Indies out twice. In a low-scoring match the awful slowness with which West Indies bowl their overs would also be a less effective ploy. be a less effective ploy.

We left behind in St Vincent this morning a people still reeling, in more senses than one, from the excitement of yesterday's finish. ENGLAND Kallicharran, C. Bayare.
Kallicharran, C. Buttay, b Croft
O. Butchen, c Murray, b Croft
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Total (48.2 overs) ...

ungovernably happy. It had not occurred to me until Old said so at the alreoft that when he went in yesterday with five runs needed for an English victory, he was playing his first lumings of the

had. England fielded as though they have been practising hard; in his first five overs Old conceded only: two scoring strokes, both straight drives for four by Haynes; Stevenson had a useful day, and Emburey and Willey bowled well, Willey surprisingly so. Botham played; just the innings demanded of him after a start of 15 for four, though he will blame himself for not having stayed to see England home, and more specifically perhaps for having allowed Kallicharran, with genie off breaks, to bowl 10 overs for only 25 runs.

Botham's frustration at being

Botham's frustration at being Botham's frustration at being unable to get after Kallicharran—it was no help to him that he had been struck a painful blow on the foot by Holding—was evident when, in a moment of madness, he attempted a backhanded sweep. Gower showed that he is learning to accept the responsibilities that go with being England's No 4; this time Gooch was the one to get himself out. was the one to get himself out, chasing one of the few over-pitched balls that came the bats-men's way. The length and line of the West Indian bowlers, quite as much as their speed, saved them the day.

Chappell undecided

Sydney, Feb 5.—Greg Chappell, the Australian cricket captain, said today be had not yet made up. his mind whether to tour England later this year. Chappell was commenting on a Sydney newspaper report that he had told close friends he would not be available.—Reuter.

Hutchins has three British places to fill

By Res Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Britalu's 2—1 win over Czechoslovakia at Huddersfield on
Wednesday evening has put them
In a strong negotiating position
for tomorrow's away leg of this
King's Cup play-off. The result
will decide who finishes fifth and
sixth in the eight-strong first
division of this European indoor
competition, but what is more
finportant about these matches is
that they give players and selectors
a chance to sort out their Davis chance to sort our their Davis

Cup teams.

Czechoslovakia have no immediate problems because Ivan lend! and Tomas Smid, who were not in action at Huddersfield, must be automatic singles choices for their defence of the Davis Cup. Britain, who play Italy at Brighton from March 6 to 8, can be sure of nothing except that Christopher Mottram will play singles. Paul Hutchins the national team mana-Hutchins the national team manathe national feath mana-ier, is still looking for a second ingles player and a doubles pair. In beating Pavel Slozii 6—2, at Huddersfield, Mottram ild what was expected of him and did it well. In saving three match points and beating Stanislav Birner

2-6, 7-6, 6-2, Richard Lewis did not—overall—play particularly well, but he sgain demonstrated that he can be a resilient competitor. His challengers for the second singles place are Jonathan Smith, who has not been fit enough to be risked in King's Cup singles, John Feaver, Robin Drysdale, and possibly Andrew Jarrett. The Huddersfield doubles did dale, and possibly Andrew Jarrett. The Euddersfield doubles did nothing to advance the claims of Jarrett and Smith. They were beaten 6—3, 6—3 by Slozil and Jaroslav Navratil, who are not in the same class as Britain's likely Davis Cuo opponents, Paolo Bertolucci and Adriano Panatta. Jarrett may be a reasonable choice for the advantage court, but in doubles, as in singles, Smith has something to prove. At the age of 33 David Lloyd cannot be regarded as a long-term investment, but that as a long-term investment, but that kind of thinking does not govern the choice of Davis Cup reams. He may still be Britain's best choice for the dence court, perhaps renewing his partnership with Mostram.

last minute from the team about to fly to Moscow for a King's Cup fle. Hurchings, though, respects the political views that eventually outweighed Lloyd's intense patriotism and he may decide to break up the Jarrett-Smith pairing. Smith could be the key to the whole argument if he states his case quickly and cogently. Looking farther ahead, Hurchins sees Jeremy Bates, aged 13, as a threat to the senior players. "Bates is probably learning more quickly than any other British player in the six years I have been manager," he said. the six years I have been manager," he said.

The team chosen for Brighton will face an unenviable task. In the past five years Italy have won the Davis Cup once and have been runners up three times. Corrado Barazzutti, Panatta and Berrolucci are formidably experienced and still in their prime. In addition, they now have Gianni Ocieppo, aged 23, to keep them on their

haps renewing his partnership with Mortram. At present Lloyd is out of Slovil 5-3. 6—3. Lewis best S. Burner, 2_6 7—6. 6—2: Slowil and favour with Hutchins, who reckons J. Navrati best J. Somith and A. Jarrott, 6—3. 6—3. Other results weeks ago by withdrawing at the 2. USSR I; Swedon 3. Finland O.

Nastase sent off for making rude gestures

Toronto, Feb S.—llie Nastase and visible obscenities, he said.

Mr Allison's decision had the full fournament last night after a profeested application with the underfeested application with the undertracted argument with the umpire. - Nastase was trailing 6-1, 1-0 to John McEnroe in their opening to John McEaroe in their opening found-robin match when the Romanian began to argue with the impire, Carl Allison. Mr Allison warned Nastase twice and penal-Bed him a point for each warning. A penalty of one game followed when the Romanian continued to argue. Then Mr Allison disqualified Nastase after he had made what tournament organizers. made what tournament organizers said they considered obscene

gestures.

*Lee Allard, the chief referee, spid—Mr Allison issued the discussification on the basis of the separate warnings were given. Feading to the disqualification ander rules dealing with audible

East, now look

East have three points, the same as the Midlands, while South bave

six. If West could win at York tomorrow against North, they would have three points and South

would be left in first place with North in second. North need to draw with West to share the title,

and a win would make them

The England team will be an-nounced after the North v West

SOUTH: P. Gibbon (Berkshire). D. thehardson (Surrey). S. Kelly (Hamphire). A. Baker (Sussex). K. Dodd Berkshire: Captain). S. Fryer. S. Sier (Sussex). J. Waleh (Hampshire). Hobley (Buckinghamshire). S. Harding

By Joyce Whitehead.

Hockey.

Sandy Mayer outserved Blorn Borg, but he failed to outplay the world's no 1, who won 6—4, 3—6, 6—2. Playing before a crowd of about 1,500 at Maple Leaf Gardens, Borg started slowly against Mayer before breaking his service twice in the third ser to win the match.

match.

Borg had to rely on several backhand passing shots down the line to seal his victory over the hard-serving Mayer, who is ranked 51st on the Association of Tennis Professionals computer list. "I didn't find the rhythm on my serve today", the Swede said. "I had too many double faults. Luckily, I was hitting the ball well to the back court and had some good passing shots."

Mayer, who is coming back from a painful wrist injury he received in 1979, said the matth was a sign of his improvement. "It's humbling to some extent to lose to Borg". Mayer said. "But I was happy with myself because I'm still trying to put myself back together and start bearing the guys I used to beat—let alone someone like Borg."

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Vitas Gerulaitis beat Johan Kriek 6—3, 4—6, 6—3. The match featured wild and sloppy play spiced with flashes of brilliance from both players. Gerulaitis missed a number of opportunities in the second set while Kriek blew three break points in the first game of the third set.

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Rugby Union .



Jeavons: a strapping newcomer to the England squad.

England selectors may give Cooke a second chance

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
When England's selectors
assemble this weekend to choose
their side for the Calcutta Cup
march against Scotland at Twickenham on February 21, they must
make at leastone change, at loosehead prop, because of Fran
Cottou's retirement. They may
also debate at some length how
to dispose thir resources at loose
forward in order to achieve a
greater physical presence at the
lineout.

The second requirement throws The second requirement throws into sharper focus the addition of Nick Jeavons, of Moseley, to the 30-strong national squad, and we might find him winning a first cap when the team is announced on Monday morning. He stands 6ft 4in, weighs 16stone and covers the ground remarkably fast for a man of his strapping physique. No doubt the selectors thought that one new cap, David Cooke, was enough to throw into the Cardiff cauldron against Wales. They had the option to play Mike Rafter instead of Cooke on the open-side flank but decided instead to have the Bristoi flanker

open-side thank but decided in-stead to have the Bristol flanker on the blind side.

In a match which proved diffi-cult for the England loose trio this arrangement worked well enough in defensive terms; but there can be no doubt that Maurice Collough's efforts at No. d in the lineout were not helped by the absence, for most of the match, of Cotton in front of him or by that of Roger Utiley, who was so adept at picking up ball that cluded the middle-of-the-line jumper or disrupping machinery on long opposition throws. on long opposition throws.

A home match provides, in theory at least, an easier environment to blood another new player.

If the selectors decide to pitch Jeavons into the big time, they would have a difficult decision to

make between Cooke and Rafter for the open-side flank. Cooke has an edge in pace, Rafter a clear one in experience. I suspect that the selectors might feel that Cooke deserves a further chance to earn his spurs.

Gordon Sargent, of Gloucester, an England B player, was the reserve loose-head prop before the departure of Cotton, but the recall of Colin Smart, who won three caps in 1979, has changed the ofcrure. Smart is said to be playing very well for Newport, and the selectors seem likely to be influenced by a combination of his proven scrummaging ability and the comforting solidarity he can bring to other areas such as the lineout.

the comforting solidarity he can bring to other areas such as the lineout. In other respects the selectors will probably leave things as they are. However, after giving dne weight to all the points "Dusty" Hare scored in Cardiff last month—as well as those which countibuted so much to last season's grand slam—they will become distinctly uneasy about the full back position if, directly or indirectly, he gives away as many as he did against Wales.

Waiting in the wings is Marcus Rose, a full back of really exciting potential: but his time at Cambridge University, for good reasons, may have encouraged him to flirt with danger a bit too much. On the evidence of the national trial in January he still has to prove that he can be totally secure on the big occasions. When Roland Bertranne plays against Ireland in Dublin tomorrow he will—by Gallic reckoning—eclipse Report Dauga's record row he will—by Gallic reckoning —eclipse Benoit Dauga's record of 63 caps for France against all countries. Dauga is the present French record holder with 50 caps in matches against countries of the International board. Bectrame will equal this if he plays through-out the championship.

Welsh half-backs are fit

The Welsh half-backs, Gareth Davies and Brymmor Williams, have been passed fit to fate Scotland—to win we have to work hard and well. We need to work hard and well. We need more fluency behind the scrum than we showed against England."

There was good news for Scotland—to what and well we need to work hard and well we need to work hard and well we need to work the scrum than the beauty flucture. period in Cardiff before the team ilew to Edinburgh.
Davies, the Cardiff stand-off half, whose tactical kicking was a dominant factor when Wales beat England 21—19 last month, was doubtful with a recurrence of the knee injury that he first received on the Lions tour of South Africa last year. He did not play for a fortnight after the England match and, after appearing for Cardiff at Lianeili last Saturday, pulled out of training on Sunday.

Williams, who made his first home appearance against England because of the shoulder injury to Terry Holmes, the first-choice scrum-half, also suffered an injury last Saturday, when he hurt a calf muscle in Swansea's game with Abertillery, but responded to daily treatment this week. Both men passed tests yesterday morning before training with the others for 90 minutes at the National Stadium.

Geoff Wheel, the Swansea back

more fluency behind the scrum than we showed against England." There was good news for Scotland, too, because their flanker, im Calder, confirmed his recovery from a septic knee which kept him out of his club's game last weekend.

The ireland coach, Tom Kiernan, put the team through a nan, but me team inrough a grueiling two-hour practice. Par-ticular emphasis was laid on scrummaging Phil Orr, a prop, who has been troubled by an injury he received in the final trial, and Alfred McLeman, the

trial, and Alfred McLennan, the left wing, who has had a calf muscle injury, were both passed fit and will take their places against France at Lansdowne Road. John O'Driscoll, the London Irish skipper, will fly back from the game to lead his club against Blackheath at Sunbury on Sunday.

Burgess accepted

The Burgess Report on English rugby's future has been accepted in principle by Bristol. Peter Colston, the club chairman said yesterday: "We have appreciated it isn't as terrifying as some of our members thought at first."

Motor racing

South subdue the Piquet's first round at pointless Kyalami

North to the West champion Alan Jones by setting the fastest lap in the first official practice for Saturday's South
African Grand Prix.

Piquet, who was second to the
Australian in the drivers' championship, drove his Brabham round An early goal by Robyn Robert-

on (Hertfordshire) raised the iopes of the East at Ipswich yes terday. East needed to win their last match to be second in the the 4.1 kilometre (2.5 mile) circuit territorial championship with a in 1min 12.94sec-almost a second possibility of a tie for first place. quicker than Jones, who had the third fastest time of 1:13.78. But before half-time, with the East goalkeeper Julie Cook (Suffolk) on the ground, and another defender Sacking up, South were awarded a penalty stroke which Katle Dodd, the South's captain from Berk-shire. Converted. shire, converted.

Then Sandra Lister (Sussex) shot home after the ball came out from a mêlée near the circle. Bast pressed, but could not equalize.

Valerle:, Rôbinson (Hertfordshire), was back in the side but only lasted half the game before retiring with a pulled muscle. Susan Williams (Kemt) took her place. The South played Susan Kelly (Hampshire) in place of Mandy Franks (Middlesex), who is injured, and Diane Grist (Hampshire) changed with Lesley Randolph (Berkshire) on the South forward line at half-time:

East have three points, the same

Kyalami (South Africa), Feb 5.

Nelson Piquet, of Brazil, today renewed his rivalry with world champion Alan Jones by setting the fastest lap in the first official practice for Saturday's South African Grand Prix.

Piquet, who was second to the Australian in the drivers' championship, drove his Brabham round to the Australian in the drivers' championship, drove his Brabham round to the Australian in the drivers' championship, drove his Brabham round to the drivers' championship, drove his Brabham round to the constructors of formula one cars and which, it was hoped, would bring peace to formula one race, made an inauspicious reappearance in her native country. The British-based South African spun her Tyrrell in the first unofficial session then repeated her mistake during the timed run and damaged her car.

Nigel Mansell, of Britain, in-say FOCA contend that all that is her car.

Nigel Mansell, of Britain, fin-ished an impressive fifth in his ished an impressive fifth in his Lotus with 1:14.38.

Times: 1. N. Paquet (Brezil). Brabham. 1:12.94; 2. C. Regulemann (Argondian). Williams. 1:12.98; 3. A. Jones. (Australia: Williams. 1:12.78; 1:14.00; 5. N. Sanasoli (Striam). Employed Lands. Fraipaids. 1.14.00; 7. Repert J. L. Jones. (Australia: L. Jones (Australia: L. Jones). 116.16; 17. D. Daly (Iroland: March. 116.96; 18. G. Loes (Bright). Procedure. 1:17.39.

FOLA: view: FISA have issued a press release to explain their third fastest time of 1:13.78.

Second fastest was Jones's Williams teammare Carlos Reutemann, who clocked 1:12.98 in dry, homid conditions. Before practice Jones told reporters; "I think the main challenge for my title will come from Reutemann."

The South African Grand-Prix, without some of the world's top drivers because of a dispute between FISA and FOCA, the two controlling bodies, has been designated an "open formula" event with no points conming towards the world championship, according to FISA. Major teams missing

FOCA contend that all that is needed to bring a settlement to the present dispute is the agreement of FISA to the proposals which have been agreed by the constructors. So far as the legal objection raised by FISA is concerned, lawyers acting for FOCA cerned. lawyers acting for FOCA had notified each member of the FISA executive committee individually prior to their meeting in Monte Carlo that discussions with Mome Carlo that discussions with, a view to the settlement of the dispute and, in particular, discussions on the proposal now before FISA, would not constitute a contempt of the present English court order. There is no legal obstacle to FISA either considering or signing the Modena Agreement, in FOCA's view.

Rugby League

Make or break time for game in US

Before departing from Gatwick optimism.", optimism.", franchises are sold, this will be airport on Wednesday, Mr Oxley described the meeting as "a most of the Rugby League, thinks this in America in the near future.

By Keith Macklin

After many months in the doldrums, the proposed United States Rugby League has come to life again with what is described as "the most important development which will annotated as "the most important development development which will be again with what is described as "the most important development since the inception of American Rugby League." This is a meeting in Chicago today which will be attended by 25 top business tycoons and multi-millionaires from 13 American cities. They will be addressed by make Mayer, the president of the embryonic Umited States Rugby League on the infant several states checking on is a meeting in Chicago today which will be attended by 25 top business tycoons and multi-millionaires from 13 American rolling the virtues and potential-ities of the 13-a-side game, and there has been such a positive response that the unexpectedly high figure of 25 big-mioncy and commerce had accepted only in terms of "guarded only the league conoch to launch Rugby League.

Before departing from Gatwick airport on Wednesday Mr Orless and some once franchises are sold, this will be chosen to launch Rugby League.

For the record Athletics

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Rackets

Cricket

COPENHAGEN: Six-day race' result:

1. P. Sercu (Belgium) and A. Fritt
(WG), 429 pbs; 2. G. Frank and H.
Ocreted (Dunnark), 946, 1 lap behind:
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(Belgium), 374, 13.

DETROIT: Women's tournament: L. Allen best V. Ruzici (Romania), 6—1. 5—4: Wendy Turnbull (Australia) best M. Platek 6—3. 5—4: C. Kehde best J. Harrington, 6—5. 7—6: B. Potter best 9. Mascarin, 6—3. 5—5. RICHMOND, Virginia: Mon's tournament: Second rounds: G. Mayor best T. Vilkison 6—1. 6—1: R. Tanner best B. Milton (S.). 6—1: R. Tanner best B. Milton (S.). 6—3. 6—1. 6. 8. Walts best V. van Patten, 6—4. 6—3.

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COLOMBO :Club Cricket Conference 185 for 8 (A. Williams 46): Bloomfield CC 41 for 4. Rain stopmed slay—march drawn. Club Cricket Conference 183 (J. Club 50): Moore CC 168. Club Cricket Conference won by 13 runs.

Football

Leicester's proposed changes win support

the proposal stood a much better chance of success than a variety of others designed to help football recover from declining attendances and failing finances. By Norman Fox Football Correspondent A proposal that points should be awarded to teams leading at half time, at the end, and for winning is gaining support, though probably not sufficient to be accepted at next Monday's extra-ordinary general meeting of the Football League in Solihull. ordinary general meeting of the Football League in Sollhull.

The system, devised by Leicester City, and supported by, among others, Ipswich Town, would see the side scoring most goals in the first half receive two points. There would be two more points for the team scoring most goals in the second half, and a bonus of two points for the overall winners. If the scores were level at half time, both sides would receive a point, as they would if the eventual result was a draw. A more simple, though still controversial proposal, by the Leagu's management committee, is for three points for a win and one for a draw. There is expected to be fairly widespread support for this system, but others are likely to be mentioned, including the awarding of a maximum 12 points with three for a win and one for a draw in each half and sir for

awarding of a maximum 12 points with three for a win and one for a draw in each half and six for an overall win and two for a draw. Although there are doubts about the League's own proposal because a larger differential may not be justified when marches are closely contested, the secretary, Graham Kelly, says that it should contribute towards "putting adventure and fair back into the game and taking fear out". Leicester believe their proposal would increase the likelihood of just such adventurous footbail, with an added incentive for those scoring more goals.

scoring more goals.

Alan Bennett, the Leicester general secretary, said yesterday that at the time of the League's seminar last year there appeared to be considerable support for the idea of three points for a win. Indeed, it had been assumed that

subsided and now believes that the League's proposal will not be accepted. Furthermore, he has doubts whether his own club's scheme will gain enough support to be put in action next season. Should he be right in thinking that the supportant of the propositions must be supported by the suppositions must be suppositions. that the suggestions put forward at the seminar are rejected, the points system would remain as it is. There is a body of opinion claiming that unpering with the points could lead to further experiments being carried out at a later date, as happened in

He claims that enthusiasm has

cricket:
Opponents of the Lesgue's system suggest that it may have quite the opposite effect from that intended, with teams taking the lead playing even more defensively to ensure three points rather than the present two. Whether it will help eradicate an attitude so many away teams hold—that of defending the point with which they always start—only a -that of defending the point with which they always start-only a season under a different plan will tell. Attitude remains the key.

Here is how the current top and bottom of the first division would look under the proposed systems. The four figures are: matches played, two points for a win, three points for a win, and the Leicester system.

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Ban rules McMahon out of Everton's cup match a leg injury, but Hilaire (ankle) and Francis (influenza) are still

Everton's young midfield player, Steve McMahon, is out of the fifth round FA Cup march with Southampton at the Dell tomorrow week. McMahon was suspended for two matches by an FA disciplinary committee in Mancheter yeterday after reaching 20 point. The suspension also rules him out of the game with Aston Villa at Goodison Park tomorrow. Everton's manager Gordon Lee sald: It is a pity that the boy has to miss the cup game but we had a fair hearing."

Nottingham Forest's manager

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Nottingham Forest's manager Brian Clough is ready to consider offers for at least three of his senior players. In addition to the Northern Ireland international O'Neill, who was placed on the transfer list last week, Lloyd is also up for sale and it is understood that Mr Clough will be willing to listen to offers for McGovern and Needham.

John Bond, the Manchester City manager, has failed to sign his son Kevin, the transfer-listed Norwich defender. American club, Seattle defender. American club, Seattle Sounders are now baving talks with Norwich, who are expected to receive Steve Buttle, an English-born winger, and a substantial fee in exchange for Bond early next

Crystal Palace, bottom of the first division, bring back two of their unsettled internationals for tomorrow's match away to the first division leaders, Ipswich Town. Murphy and Walsh are re-called in place of Palace's cap-tain. Cannon, and Sealy, both automatically banned after being sent off in last week's 2—0 defeat at Middlesbrough.

Marphy, a Republic of Ireland midfield player, comes in to allow Lovell to deputize for Cannon in defence, and Walsh, a Welsh striker, replaces Sealy in the forward line. marphy, a Kephblic of Ireland midfield player, comes in to allow mouth. Could make the control of the control o

not fit, so the new manager, Darlo Gradi, has added a reserve defender, Banfield, to the party. He has yet to play in the league side, and is likely to start as side, and is likely to start as substitute.

Gennoe keeps his place in goal—but it will be its last match for Palace unless Mr Gradi can agree terms with Southampton for his permanent transfer. His one mouth's loan at Selhurst Park ends this method.

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St Mirren, knocked out of the Scottish Cup by Dumbarton, have been told by the Scottish Football Association that they cannot meet Arsenal at Love Street next Saturday. The SFA have refused their permission because the game would clash with Morton's fourth round match against Aberdeen on the same afternoon. the same afternoon. the same afternoon.

Morton, based in Greenock, 15 miles from St Mirren's Paisley ground, did not lodge an official complaint, but they had expressed fears that Arsenai's appearance near by could effect their artendance. Arsenal, also idle after

dance. Arsenal, also idle after their FA Cup defeat by Everton, will now consider switching the match to the Sunday. Aston Villa's 29-year-old midfield player, Cropley, has rejected a move to Oxford United, of the third division. Talks were reopened yesterday but broke down when Cropley could not agree terms

Today's fixtures

Kirk-off 7.30 unless stated, FOURTH DYISION! Doncastes Rovers V Northampion Town: Southead United V Horslard United: Trainness V Sources

a bigger margin should the points aggregate in the two games be-tween the clubs have been taken

into account, which would have been the case had they both lost

Basketball One foul shot too many

Crystal Palace 93 Team Fiat 95
Come tomorrow week there should be a new hame on the National League tropby, that of Team Fiat, who last high in as dramatic a first division game as the National Recreation Centre has ever witnessed virtually relieved.

ever witnessed virtually relieved Crystal Palace of their hold on the title. the title.
Fiat's 95—93 victory in overtime riar's 95—95 victory in overtime means they have only to win one of their three remaining games and with all respect to Stockport Belgrade, their opponents at the Aston Villa sports centre on February 14, the task should be a formality in the first of those firstness. fixtures.

Palace could have bettled no

Palace could have battled no harder to extend their remarkable run of 55 home league victories, but if they had become blase at the prospect of winning the trophy awarded by Rotary Watches, the league's sponsors, for the fifth time in six years they showed no signs. Against the odds they took the game into overtime only then to squander one foul shot too many through Lloyd, their captain. Stimpson could have won the game for Palace with two seconds left of normal time but he should not be blamed too harshly for the two free throws that went astray for the home side really needed to win by four points or more to stand a realistic chance of remaining champions. Beaten 98-94 in the first meeting last October, Palace knew they had to win by

into account, which would have been the case had they both lost one match.

By completing the double however and prolonging their own undefeated record Flat ensured they tould put the issue beyond such delicate arguments. They started with supremely well organized and literally giant zone defence, the master ploy of their player toach White who was to play no small part in its success. With the considerable help and aggression of Stroeder and Samson Flat thanaged to cut out the supply of passes from Byrd, but it was only when Stmpson lost the knack of seeking his long range shots that Palace conceded their last ace.

When Roma was fouled out and Bett, his replacement led off court for dangerous play on White, Palace seemed to have only their courage left. It was enough to help them pull back a four point deficit in the last 23 seconds before they lost the game and most probably their championship in the extra five minutes.

Scorers: Palace: Byrd 29, Stimpson 23, Roma 19: Fiat: White 27, Stroeder 27, Samson 16. Leading positions

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Athletics

Inclusion of Coe lifts British spirits

Sebastian Coe makes a break from his studies at Loughborough University to run for Britain in the indoor athletics international against East Germany at Cosford next Wednesday, It is almost certain to be Coe's ody indoor outing for his country this season but his inclusion will encourage the team. Britain sent one of their strongest teams to West Germany last week but were soundly beaten in both the men's and women's matches.

Coe, who won the AAA indoor 3,000 metres title last month, has been selected for the 800 metres an event in which he is the world record holder. There were only two successes for Britain's men in the six track events in Dormmud but Coe should help to beat that tally at Cosford, Gordon Rimmer of the RAF and Jim Espir (Shaftesbury) have been brought in to run the 1,500 metres in place of Colin Reitz and Ken Newton.

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Roger Hackney, who was unable to run in West Germany, comes in for Glyn Harvey and teams up with Richard Callan (Leicester) in the 3,000 metres. Ainsley Bennett (400 metres) and Mark Holton (50 metres hundles) who both pulled out of that first international, are selected again and, along with Coe and Hackney, will add valuable experience to the team.

Mark Naylor in buoyant mood after beating the leading high jumpers last week, knows he face the toughest task of all the home athletes. "I was very surprised to beat the West Germans last week because Diemmar Mogenburg and Andre Schnieder are both 2.35 (7 ft 64 in) metres men and I have been experimenting with my technique "he said.

Aston Moore, of Birchfield, wants to concentrate on his speciality event, the triple jump so Roy Mitchell, of Enfield, steps in to fill the vacant long-jump place.

The women's team shows only three changes. Debra Warner and Beverley Kinch, both teenagers, win their places after impressive performances for the English schools team in Paris. Miss Warner and Beverley Kinch, from Ipswich, is paired with Harlow's Sandra Greeg in the long jump.

The most interesting newcomer is Allson Wright, who will compete in the 1,500 metres. Miss Wright runs for Edinburgh Southern and although she comes from New Zealand, she is applying for British chizenship and therefore Eatins selection.

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MEN: 50 mores: S. Clarke (Heng Hill Harriers), M. Powell (Shaftesbury), 300m; A. Betinett (Brethelds), C. Hamilton (Sale), 800m; S. Cot (Loughborough), M. Whitinghay (Herne Hill Harriers), 1.500m; G. Rimmer (PAF), J. Eophr (Shaftesbury), 5.000m; R. Callan (Leicester), R. Hatchey (Aldershol and Belger), R. Hatchey (Aldershol and Belger), R. Hatchey (Aldershol and Belger), R. Wolver, M. Hatchey (Hillingdon), A. Callan (Hillingdon), R. Charles (Londo, W. Wrich (Blackheath), S. Rodheus (Southampton), High Jamp; M. Nayle (Hillingdon), R. Charles (Londo, University), Long (Immes Valley), Tiple Isang; A. Moore (Birchfeld), D. Purkina (Sparkhill), Pole ysuil, B. Hooper (Waking), Moore (Hirtheld), D. Werner (Radies), Moore (Birchfeld), D. Werner (Radies), 400m; V. Elder (Heverdon), K. McDermo! (Losch (Coventy)), K. McDermo! (Losch Hootugh), 1.500m; C. Dalney (Birchfeld), A. Wright (Edinburg) Southern, 60m; Murdes: S. Stroug (Stredon), V. Wray (Shrewboury), V. Wray (Shrewboury), V. Wray (Shrewboury), V. Wray (Shrewboury), Shot, A. Littlewood (Cambridgo), V. Head (Bristol), High Jung; A.-W. Gording (Edinburg) (Edinburg)

Cowdell faces world No 1 contender

Pat Cowdell, the British feather weight champion from Warley, can go from northing to a world-tite chance if he wins his bout at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on

Cowdell, who is not ranked in the world's top 10 meets Bashew Sibata, of South Africa, the official number one contender for the World Boxing Association title. the World Boxing Association thie. It is a considerable gamble for Sibaca. He is risking his champion-ship status and may he underestimating Cowdell, who has lost only once as a professional and was one of Britain's best amateurs during the 1970s. It has cost Ron Gray, Cowdell's manager and the Wolverhampton promoter 19,000 in purse and expenses to bring Wolverhampton promoter £9,000 in purse and expenses to bring Sibaca, nine times South African champion, to Wolverhampton.

Mr Gray said yesterday: "This must be the best chance of Par's career, and if he wins I shall certainly press for him to replace Sibaca as the number one. Since the WBA insist that their champions defend the world title every six months. Pat will then stand a very good chance of being in the right place at the right time."

Cowdell has turned down nominations to meet Robert Castanot, of Spain, for the European title, because the bout was scheduled for Leon in Spain. "It was not that I did not want him to fight abroad." Mr Gray said, "It was that this was the champion's home town and the circumstances and the pressure there make certain that the title was there make certain that the time to the make certain the time to the make certain that the time that the make certain that the time to the make certain that the make certain the make certain that the make certain that the make certain the make town and the circumstances and the pressure there make certain that the visitor does not win. Par's chances of getting a points verdict there would be no ".

Mr Gray added that there would be no possibility of turning down a bout abroad if the world title was at stake.

The light-heavyweight contest between the two world champions, Mustapha Muhammad and Saad Muhammad, scheduled for Madison Square Garden is off; the eKn Norton-Gerry Cooney heavyweight bout is being moved to another venue.

Golf

Tough course brings the best out of Trevino

From Eric Marsden
Johannesburg, Feb 5
Lee Trevino lived up to his
reputation by taking a four-stroke
lead after the second round of the lead after the second round of the Sun City classic tournament in Bophuthatswana today with a scorching 64—four strokes better than the course record established yesterday by Mark McNulty, he is on 136, with McNulty and Nick Price joint second on 140. Trevino described his round as

" the finest I have ever played, on the toughest course I have ever played". He had birdles on the played". He had birdies on the first three holes and played the next six in par to reach the turn in 33. He came back in 31, with the help of an eagle at the tricky par-5 eleventh hole over water and birdies at the 13th, 14th and 16th. His card read: 4-3-2-4-5-4-3-4-4 (33), 4-3-4-3-3-2-4-5 (31).

Gary Player who decigned the Gary Player, who designed the course, was delighted with his

friend's record, saying it was an object lesson to those competitors who were complaining about the toughness of the course. Player had a 71 today to be on 143.
Only seven players have broken par (144). The other three are Bernard Langer, of West Germany, Hugh Balocchi and Bobby Verwey, both of South Africa, all are on 142.

If Trevino maintains his form he will be hard to catch, though Player is notorious for his late charges, and he is on home ground in more senses than one. There could also be danger from Price, who has finished second in his last three couragnants. last three tournaments. He had a fine 67 today, going out in 31 with birdles at five of the first nine holes. The best placed Bridsh player is In best placed british player is Ian Mosey, who again took 72 and is one of four players on 144. Nick Job is three strokes further behind.

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78; N. Burch, 78, 76; 155, 8;
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SPORT. Ice skating

British couple poised to bring back title after 12 years

From John Hennessy Innsbruck, Feb 5 Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, of Nottingham, achieved an almost clean sweep of the com-pulary dance section of the Europend ice skating championships here today. They won the third dance, a rumba, and the transcate ment of their own creation in the fourth to the cha-cha rhythm was also preferred by all nine judges. Only in presentation of the judges. Only in presentation of the last dance that they shared first place with Irina Mulsevera and Andrei Mineakov, former holders of the world title for the Soviet Union. Only one judge, the French, marked them equal first overall. Natatia Linichuk and Gennadi Karponosov, Rossian holders of the Olympic title, were placed turid.

the Olympic title, were placed third.

The compulsory section, like that of the free dance tomorrow, carries the full weight of ordinals, with the result that Miss Torvill and her partner have one point. Miss Moisevers and her husband two points, and so on. In the event of a tie the free dance is the deciding factor. The Russians will win the ride if they finish one place ahead of the Britons in the free. Miss Linichuk and her partner, similarly will overtake the British couple if they finish two places ahead of them in the free. It is therefore much too soon to proces anced of them in the free. It is therefore much too soon to acclaim the return of the tile to Britain for the first time since 1969.

Miss Torvill and Dean skated second, which is a handicap in terms of marks, because the judges like to keep something in reserve. However, they cave the dance everything toot perfect in all they everything, foot perfect in all they did and emerging from the complex situation that their superbrechnique created with hands, heads and hips precisely on the beat, of "Apple Pink and Cherry Blossom White". It was an exhibitaring exhibition, which elicited marks ranging from 3.6 clicited marks ranging from 3.6 them of victory.

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Dean later drew last position for him and Miss Torvill in the free dance, "a fantastic piece of luck" according to their trainer, Retty Callaway. The compulsory figures of the variety competition proposed up

the compusory figures of the commen's competition opened up the possibility of a laudable Bridsh achievement, with Debrah Cottrill, of Solihull, placed second to Claudia Kristofics-Binder, of Austria. She can expect to overtake Miss Kristofics-Binder in both comprone's short proin both tomorrow's short programme and Saturday's free skating. Similarly she can hope to withstand the challenge of Krisma Wegelius, of Finland, who lies third, but immediately behind the three—unarguahly behind the three—unarguahly the three best skaters of compulne inter best sketers of comput-sory figures in Europe — there icoms the broading menace of Denise Bielimann, of Switzerland, equally unarguably, the best free skater in Europe, probably the world, on her day.

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Under the new rules Miss Cottrill hos acquired 1.2 points for
the figures. Since these are based
on the a dinals, multiplied by
0.6, Miss Wegelius has 2.8 and
Miss Biellyaann 2.4. The multiplying factor for the short progrumme is 0.4, to that Miss Biellmann needs to fimish three places
in front of Miss Cottrill to draw
level romorrow. Alternatively
two places in the free skating
would serve the same purpose.

how to take the corners without getting stuck in the soft snow.

Marie-Therese Nadig, the overall World Cup leader, skied brilliantly in the fresh snow to lead after the first run. In the second,

wever, she went too wide at the end of a series of tight turns and fell back to sixth place, though it increases her overall lead over

Bobsleigh

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Deborah Cottrill; dazzling

the combination slie can reasonably expect to remain close enough to the Swiss to stay in the hunt on Saturday. Mys Biellmann can be spellbinding in the free when all goes well, but she has an unerable reputation for inconsistency. So the dazzling prospect of a British victory is not out of the question.

The result of the figures calls into question the validity of the British championship in November. On that occasion Miss Cottrill heavily outscored Karen Wood (Deesside) in both figures and short and yet derived almost no benefit because of the paucity of the opposition. Here eight skaters have interposed themselves herween the two, So that Miss Wood is 4.8 marks behind Miss Cottrill.

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In the evening Igor Bobrin, of the Soviet Union, succeeded to Robin Cousin's ride, with a sparkling display of free skating, marred only by a triple toe loop that was reduced to a single. Howought off five other, triples and introduced the many unusual elements that are characteristic of his flambovant style, leanhis flamboyant style, Jean-Christophe Simond, of France, took the silver medal and Norbert Schramm, of West Germany, the

brugge.

The two British men, Christopher Howarth (Richmond) ham!, fulmilled their modest expectations, Howarth succeeded with the difficult triple lutz, among others, and Pepperday with three triple toe loops. Pepperday was exhausted before the end and had difficulty in surviving the fulfive minutes. Howarth finished eleventh, Pepperday, in his first European championship, fourteenth.

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Racing

Route which could lead to Aintree

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

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The abandonment of Haydock Park's programme on Wednesday meast that John Thorne had no option but to revise his plans for his top class hunter chaser. Spartan Missile. Mr. Thorne had hoped to howe him at Haydock hut now he is running him at Sandown Park today in the Wilfred Johnstone Hunters Steeplechase, which was the same springboard from which his season has been launched for the past three years. The face evokes mixed monorles for Mr. Thorne who is the horse's devoted owner, breeder, trainer and rider, in 1978 Spartan Missile got not farther than the fourth fence, when he was ridden by Mr. Thorne's daughter, Dana, who is Thorne's daughter, Diana, who is now married to Nick Henderson, the trainer. That year the race was won by Dancing Brig, one of Spartan Missile's rivals today and a runner in 1979 it was the turn of Spartan Missile to have the last say.

Returning to Sandown for the third February in succession 12 mombs ago, Spartan Missile had to be content with only second prize, primarily because he was outpaced for most of the way by King Kong II, although some critics yearned to suggest that King Kong's rider had given the rest the silp. Now Spartan Missile, one of the most famous hunters in recent memory, sets out on the route that could easily lead him in Aintree at the beginning of April and a crack at the Grand National, for which he is already prominent among the ante-post price lists. among the ame-post price lists.
According to Jain MacKenzle and
David Phillips, who edit and compile the most recent volume of
Itunter Chasers and Point to
Pointers, Sparian Missile has

Given list in their free handi-cap, Spartan Missile was rated above such distinguished hunters as Rolls Rambler, Queensberry Lad, Shannon Bridge and Remeday, has won at Acot, so anyone can be forgiven for thinking that the form has a gilt-edged look about it.

The other division may be won by Dengral Prince who could

gio, which is only to be expected of a horse deemed capable by the by Donegal Prince who could easily be flattered by the ease Jackey Club's transicapper of Carrying Hist 216 in the Grand National. Today the only butter rated within sight of Spartan Missile in their free handicap is Sun Lion who is trained by Mr. with which he won his last race at Folkestone. Nevertheless to win a handicap hurdle confined to amateur riders by 30 lengths is amateur riders by 30 lengths is no mean achievement for a novice and Donegal Prince is preferred now to Mount Temple who was put to rout along with many others by that immensely promising young horse Easy. Fella at Kempton Park last month. I will be disappointed if Corbiere failsto win the Fairmile Novice Handicap Chase, even with 12st 7lb now that he has got the hang of taking fentes in his stride at racing pare. Thorne's son-in-law.

While still on the subject of this annual review of Hunter Chasers and Point to Panners, which is published by Horse and Hound (18.50), I feel bound to say that it is amusing as well as invaluable. The authors are not guilty of mincing their words. "Has lost all interest and can confidently be racing pose.
Two to follow: William

all interest and can confidently be ignored (the hookmakers were taking no risks when they laid him at 200-1 on his fourth start) "and "formerly very game, but has performed abysmally and not gone a yard in all but one of his last 15 starts, must be affing badly "were but rwo of the enlivened comments that caught my eye.

As for Spartan Missile, MacKenzie and Phillips my that they hope he will make a mockery of the old saw "they never come back " after developing suspensory (ligament) trouble last, season, Today should help to tell us and the authors whether Two to follow: William Hastings-Bass, who has made a spiendid start at Cagnes-sur-Mer, with two winners and a short head second, can strike again with Sulzano and Stand Easy today. Both will be ridden by John Reid. Sulzano, who showed some promise behind Kataglow in large fields at Newmarket and Sandown last summer, attempts to win the 13,704 Prix d'Ajaccio over 10 furlongs. Stand Easy gained his only success to date in last year's version of that race but he looks capable of beating the field in the \$4,167 Prix Docteur Gazgnaire over the same trip. The problem is that he will be having his first run since early July but he has only eight moderate opponents to beat.

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other hunter chasers and whether
he is already on song for Aintree.
For the rest of the programme
at Sandown, the first division of
the February Novices Hurdle
should be won by Fulke Walwyn's
promising govice Killbrittain
Castle, who was successful over

a great many disgruntied punters yesterday. Nicknamed "Dodger" McCartney, a professional backer from London, summed up the general feeling when he said: "Normally the bookmakers ber with a marrin of around 20 per cent in

many the occupances per with a margin of around 20 per cent in their favour, but here their prices are so short that it's more like 100 per cent. And even at these odds they knock you back if you want more than a fiver oa." Mr McCartney added that he was accounted to the more width bounds.

referring to the men with boards in Tattersalls and not to the

reputable operators on the ralls. Hugo Bevan, the clerk of the course, said that he had received several complaints and that he

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ANCRUM STERFECHASE



Maracaña Stadium : temple of Brazīlian football and a fitting setting for the likes of Pele

Continuing the series on great teams with Brazil of the 'Little World Cup'

The fiesta at Maracaña

The edges of a pleasant dream can sometimes take on the dark qualities of a nightmare. Having become mesmerized by the fantasies of Brazilian football in the tasses of Brazilian football in the World Cups of 1954 and 1958, my recurring dream was one day to witness the white shirts of England march into the vastness of Maracaha Stadium, in Rio de Janeiro side by side with the daffodil shirts and bluebell shorts of their barrs.

of their hosts.

That chance came my way in 1964 when a four sided (50th) anniversary celebration tournament between Brazil, Argentina, Portugal and England was organ-

Portugal and England was organized to be held in Rio and St Paolo. For no specific reason it came to be labelled the "Little World Cup".

Colleagues who had previously visited that part of the world had often whetted my imagination with their description of flying in over Rio Bay liself to view the city below nestling amongst the high peaks that run down to a shore firlied by surf and at the heart of it all to see the circular colossus of Maracaña Stadium, with its 200,000 capacity, pinned there like some giant flying saucer come to rest on earth.

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through a dense vite of a tropical storm. The rain fell like stair rods and bounced off the ground like sorbo balls. Rio was invisible beneath that black, furry sky. That was the first blow to my hopes. Having duly contacted the England party at their hotel and, the storm passed. Iunched with them in the sunshine as a gorgeous rainbow spanned the bay, the need to sleep at last hegan to press after the long journey round: the clock. "The coath leaves for the ground sharp at 6 o'clock" said the players. "If you want a lift don't be late because of the expected traffic Jams".

"Wake me at 5.30 without fail, room 504" I instructed the hall porter and headed for bed. When at last I swoke with a start the room was in darkness. Night had fallen. Suddenly every here end began to jangle like the alarm tall I had obviously slep through. Switching on the bedside lamp my watch said it was 8 pm—kickoff time. I had come thousands of miles to do a job and fulfil a personal dream and there I was AWOL.

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Panic struck. Dashing out of the hotel and luckily tollecting a stray tax: I hopefully stammered "Maracaha, football, Pele". The driver's smile said it all and we set off into the strange city knowing nothing of the distance from the scene of action. It was a night-mare journey. The taxi radio crackled violently. Clearly it was a broadcast from the ground as recognisable names struck the air—"Pele, Julinho, Gilmar, Greaves, Charlton, Moore...," What was Charlton, Moore. . . . What was the score I wondered as the great dome of the stadium's floodlights drew closer and closer. drew closer and closer.

At last we were there: 8.45. Already half time. Blindly I ran round and round the tiered galleries inside this fortress of a stadium searching for the press box. like a rabbit caught in the headlights of a car. Finally I spied batteries of television cameras. The Churchill Peak. 13-2 See Led.

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press enclosure was through the next gangway and a moment later I saw the faces of my colleagues. Sliding as nonchalantly as pos-sible into a spare sear I inquired the half time score. "Half time?" they croaked with one weary voice.
"The fluming match hastn't even started yet and we've been altring bere for two bours". At almost the next moment a deep roar broke from the 150,000 assembly and there from the tunnel emerged, side by side, the vellow and white shirts of Brazil and England. The reason for the late

start is another story but for some strange reason the fates had rel-ented and my dream was fulfilled. As for the match itself for almost an bour England hung on at 1—1. Then suddenly, in the time it takes to smoke a cigarette, Brazil burst their floodgates. Inspired by Pele they caught the magic sambs beat of cardival to score four more goals and win

The Brazilian footballer is a law unto himself. There is something primitive and explosive about his game. Perhaps it is the negroid element in the Portuguese Latin hlood that gives him his special gift. Four World Cup finals out of 11—three victorious—seems to prove the point Lorse limbed and

and Garrincha in their time seemed to synthesise this physical quality.

Beyond that too he plays with a sense of loy and freedom which probably stems from the fact that football in his vast continent was a means of enfanchating the Negro and opening the doors to a life beside the white man. Thus or that May night of 1964 England suffered the fantasy and the improvisation of Brazilian football which seems to spring from a Dionystac dance of irrational surprises and variations. At the Buish the stadium was affame with the bonfires of victory

as fireworks and rockets lit the Maracaba itself has become the temple of Brazilian football. One temple of Brazilian footnall. One day perhaps in aome tar distant century its ruins may be regarded by generations to come as the Parthetion of Rio. Its very setting is breathtaking and fit for the likes of a Pele. That was my first sight of it. Ahove shone the moon as bright as a silver coin; to one side. pright as a silver coin; to one side, peering over the uppermost rim of this colorseum, was the dominating golden figure of Christ bathed in floodlight at the peak of Corcovado Mountain which hovers over the city and the bay of flawless beauty. You have been sowhere and seen ording until you've have

Geoffrey Green



Pelé: something spontaneous and explosive in his game

Prince Fury wins for father and son the ITV commentator, when Carren Boy beat Kudu King in the first division of the Novices Hurdle. Goode has been extremely patient with Carren Boy, whom he bought over two years ago at Newmarker as a three-year-old out of training. Every day's racing at Towcester is always enjoyable but there were a great many discrumited punters

By Michael Seely

. Anthony Webber stole the clding bonours at Towcester yesterday when landing a 28.1 double on Prince Fury and Price Review.

when landing a 28-1 double on Prince Fury, who outjumped his rivals in the January Novices Handicap Chase, is mained by the jockey's father, John. He said afterwards: "Thirteen must be my lucky number. I was born on the thirteenth of the month, Prince Fury was 13 on the card and that was my thirteenth success of the season."

Webber's second winner, Price Review, showed far too good a turn of finishing speed for Eva Anne and Acarine, the even money favourire in the Mill House Handicap Hurdle. Acarine only managed to finish just shead of his stable companion, Woodford Prince who was partnered by John Francome. Peter Cundell, the trainer of both these horses is still in bed with Influenza but had said earlier in the day: "Francome will ride Celtic Ryde in the Otley Hurdle at Sandown on Saturday Ha is a man I'd rather laye." Otley Hurdle at Sandown on Sat-urday. He is a man I'd rather have on: my side then against me. I intend to keep my options open in case anything goes wrong with Sea Pigeon."

Sea Pigeon."

Francome had an afternoon of mixed forwines. The champion elect could limish only fifth on Silant Eura in the Yardley Gohion Handicap Chase. This was a marvellous race to watch in Towcester's magnificent amphitheatre. Approaching the Mird fence from home there were still five horses in with a chance. But Silent Eura blundered' and Albury Lad, strongly ridden by Philip Blacker, drew clear in the straight to win



mixed fortunes.

by 10 lengths. Albury Lad belongs to Colonel W. H. Whitbread and is trained by Stan Mellor. Silent Burn's handler, Tim Forster, did not have to wait long for compensation as Tim Thomson Jones rode Moonshot to a décidive victory in the Rothersthorpe Handicap, Francome also received consoletion, when winning the Handicap. Francome also received consolation whon winning the second division of the Marston Novices Hurdle on Mr Whiskers for Elchard Head who confirmed that Border Incident will have his Cheltenham Gold Cup preliminary in either the Fairlawne Chase at Windsor or the Jim Ford Challenge Cup at Wincanton.

would be inquiring into the matter with the committee responsible for the allocation of pitches.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements dead; Santouls, Knockaked, Native Evening, whoodburn, Copabill, Sanons Folly, Say Sauce, Governor's Comp. Fine Soveregen. Top weight withdrawn Lightning Label, who had been allocated the top weight of 10st, will not run in the William Hill Lincoin Handicap at Doncaster on March 28. His owner, Raiph Mandell, has sold a half-share in the five-year-old to an American trainer and ho will now race in the United States. The afternoon had started on a high note for Graham Goode,

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18 Prince de Gallet, B. Munra-Wilson Mr S. Adamson 4
19 Prince de Gallet, B. Munra-Wilson Mr S. Adamson 4
1-2 Killoritian Castle, 11-2 Lock Holl, 8-1 Amendment, 10-1 Sanny Spring.
12-1 Killing Lod. 15-1 others. 2.0 PARK CHASE- (Handicap: £2,022: 2m 18yd)

her nearest rival, Erika Hess, also of Switzerland.

Miss Epple, the 1978 giant slalom world champion, was in third position after the first run. Her second effort was more than three seconds faster than her first, and more than a second faster than Miss Nadig's.

Tamara McKinney, of the United States, who has won the last two giant slaloms, lost her chance of victory in the second run and finished third. Nevertheless, the result puts her farther ahead in the giant slalom overall standings. ...'J, Francoma ... Mr. J. I root 7 ... R. Rowe ... W. Smith ... S. Norzhoz Giolge Deschar, 2.30 FAIRMILE CHASE (Handicap: Novices: £2,658: 3m 118yd)
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Miss Epple's comeback

Zwiesel. Feb 5.—Maria Epple, of West Germany, who has been out of competition for two seasons because of injury, won a World Cup gianr slalom hera today. Christa kinshofer took second plate as five West German skiers finished in the top 12 in front of the home crowd.

Miss Epple, seed 21, younger sister of Irene, is still unable to be of her left knee completely as a result of the serious injury she soffered in December, 1979, at Piancavallo. Today, however, her skis hardly lost contact with the surface and she demonstrated just how to take the corners without the serious to the serious injury she surface and she demonstrated just how to take the corners without the serious to the serious injury she she state. Standings.

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3.30 WAVENDON OPPORTUNITY HURDLE (Handicap: £1,572:

Cortina d'Ampezzo, Feb 5.—' the first run and thirteenth and saxteenth in the second, from 1.5 to 2.5 seconds slower than the last day of trials for the world four-man bobsleigh championship, Bernhard Germeshausen, the East Germans. Morgan, leader of the American number-one bob, said he had high hopes of finishing among the top 10 in the race which would be an excellent, result for us."

The number-one Swiss team led by Erich Schaerer clocked the second fastes, time of the day, 1 min, 12.92 sec. The East German third team, driven by Bernhard Lehman, and Switzerland's second team, led by Hans Hiltebrand, clocked 1 min, 13.12 sec. and 1 min, 13.78 sec. respectively.

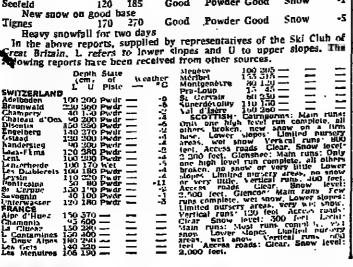
The United States teams led by lim Morgan and Brent Rushlaw were thirteenth and fifteenth in 2m 5f 75yd)

320/300 Seed Pearl, J. Otfford H-12-1 ... P. Double 7 112340 Othmas, H. Poole B-12-0 ... M. Richards 5 1000/00 Grand Rose (CD), M. Stephens, 4-11-3 ... Keight of 14220-3 ... M. Richards 5 010000 matter Ken., M. Hayner 7 7/1-1 ... A. Wright 7 30-4210 Coulon, H. Price, 5-(0-1) ... M. Wright 7 30-4210 Good Writer, T. Walver, 14-10-9 R. Puser 7 110-001 Ghost Writer, T. Walver, 14-10-9 R. Puser 7 000-341 Motile, R. Blakeney (-10-R P. Maddison 7 000-341 Motile, R. Blakeney (-10-R P. M. M. Coyle 010402 Precipienne, J. Bligndell, 6-10-7 ... D. Dutton 7 000-0000 My Baily-Anna, R. Atains, 6-10-7 ... Milman 7 000-0000 Suncharmer, B. Wise, 8-10-7 ... M. Milman 7 000000 Great Afrique (B), J. Dong, 10-10-7 ... M. Mulman Great Raven, M. Schuben, 10-10-7 ... M. Mulman Great Raven, M. Stephens, 1-10-7 ... M. Muggeridge 7 1 Othman, 4-1 Princety [Dol.]-1 Crouson, 15-2 Seel Pearl, R-1 Ghost 7 1-1 Miclie, 10-1 Precipienhe, Palaestrina, 10-1 Grand Rose, 10-1 others,

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Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 1.30 Kilbrittain Castle. 2.0 Friendly Alliance. 2.30 Corbiere. 3.0 Spartan Missile. 3.30 Crouton. 4.0 Donegal Prince.

4.0 FEBRUARY HURDLE (Div 2: Novices: £1,198: 2m)

Towcester results

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TOTE: Wir. Sap. places, 27: 12p. 17p. Dual 1: 6-p CSF E1 74 J. Webber, at Ranhury, 3t, 7l. Le Jette (4-1) 4th, 13 ran.

1.70 (2.37) MILL HOUSE HURDLE. (Handkap: \$1.076, 2m of 26ya)

3.0 (3.2) VARBLEY GOSION CHASE (Hardicap, \$1.073; \$n; 140yd) Handlens C. 1.073: 50: 140741

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By Michael Seely 1.45 Stormy Affair. 2.15 Caravino. 2.45 Hold Off, 3.15 Peaty Sandy. 3.45 Waite. 4.15 Hyde. MOONSHOT b q by Golden Dipoer
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15-8 Hyde. 7-2 Basil's Choice, 5-1
Tarchin, 6-1 Paddy's Peril.

Kelsó selections

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Shirley Williams on Britain's vital role in the EEC

Why we must not retreat from Europe

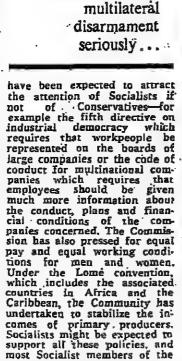
The Common Policy, in its present absurdly expensive form has source the actions of the British public to the European Community but it is not the only reason why Britain has been at best a reluctant partner in the Com-minity. It is easy for Britain to underestimate the greatest achievement rot the Community's creators, to make another civil war between Western European countries unthinkable, furthermore, the timing of Britain's entry into the Community could hardly have been more unfortunate.

Britain joined in the very vegr. 1973, that Western economic prospects began to darken. The Community has been held responsible for rising inflation, deepening recession and the other economic discontents of these past seven years, often quite unjustly. Certainly the Common Agricultural Policy contributed to higher food prices, but its contribution was less significant than other factors such as increased energy costs. Between 1973 and 1980 the CAP added about 9 per cent to food prices which rose by nearly 200 per cent overall.

There is another reason, however, and it is an ironic one. Britain seems to have deliberately made the least possible use of the opportunities differed to her by the Community. The British citizen receives only half as much Community spending per head as the average Community citizen, This was due partly to lack of knowledge among local authorities and others entitled to claim help about the opportunities available, though they are now better informed; and partly to the British Government's unwillingness to stump up its share of social and regional expenditure.

up its share of social and regionations on commerce and trade than any of its indinterest in reforms that might have considerable political

Williams: the Community is the only political entity. in the world strong enough to make the superpowers take multilateral



European Parliament do so.

But the British ones get little encouragement from Westmin-

ster or from the Labour Party. The Community has much more weight in international



weight as well. The first steps have been taken to establish a dialogue with the Arab states and even with the Palestine Liberation Organization to explore the chances of a last-ing and peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

If the Community realized the potential in being a "coherent entity" in world affairs it could after the forbidding prospects the world now faces. The Community could not bring about a trans-formation of the economic outlook on its own, but it could propose a plan based on the Brandr Commission. Such a plan might embody the idea

that a small percentage of each country's Gross National Product, perhaps 1 per cent should be earmarked for aid to the Third World.

Until that step is taken, there will be neither a guarantee of continuity of funds nor a structure of redistribution of wealth on however modest a scale between nations as there is within nations.

The European Community could also become a force for disarmament, and one that must seek peace, for in any major nuclear war its destruction would be certain. The tik would not have been posonly significant recent initiative towards peace that seriousRepublic's membership of the

ly interested the Soviet Union was the visit by Helmut Schmidt, speaking on behalf of the Community, to Moscow in June 1980, which led to an agreement with President Brezhnev to discuss the possi-bility of a mutual withdrawal of medium-range nuclear wea-

pons from Europe.
Until the Soviet invasion of Afghanisatan and the strkkes in Poland, Germany's Ostpoli-tik had been notably successful in easing tension along the border between the Soviet bloc European Community. Any rapprochement with the German Democratic Republic would have aroused intense suspicion in West Germany as much as elsewhere, that the two German states were seaking to entire the community. ing to re-unite.

The Community is the only political entity in the world strong enough to make the superpowers take multilateral disarmament seriously.

One argument for unilateral nuclear disarmament is that it would make the disarmed country a safer place, less likely to be attacked. It is surely clear that means would still need to be found to in-fluence the superpowers towards peace, since any nu-clear exchange between them would cause great destruction throughout the world. That is why the European Community's role in seeking detente in Europe and in pursuing arms limitation is more important for world peace than unilateral nuclear disarma-

The next few years will bring about important internal changes in the European Commentry. Britain has an oppor-runity that will not recur to influence those changes so that the Community becomes more responsive to the needs of the people within it, as well as to the world outside. Internation-al tensions could be heightened by a right-wing American President surrounded by advisers who believe in a strong military posture, and by the strains of deciding upon a successor to Mr Brezhnev at a ime of turbulence in eastern Europe. The Community is going to be badly needed as a force for peace and stability.
For Britain to contemplate changes in it is sensible. But for Britain to withdraw would be to abidicate from respon-

sibility at a dangerous time.

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Geoffrey Smith

Taking a turn for the better

The search for the middle ground ? has suddenly become fashionable egain in British politics. Since the it last election the battle between the parties has seemed to be a contest between the ideologues on both sides. But now the rise of the social in democrats is changing the picture. Already the threat of a split in his party has forced Mr Michael Foot perhaps to modify and certainly to equivocate on some of his policies, and the natural electoral tactic for Labour will be to take further steps back rowards the middle in order to cut the ground from under the new party once it is formed.

A frisson of anxiety is evident in the Conservative ranks as well. Ronald Butt argued on this page yesterday that they really have little to fear from the social democrats. That may be so. Certainly the Tories have no reason to be alarmed by the prospect of tactical voting by former supporters of theirs in favour of a social democrat in what are now Labour constituencies. And if there is to be an electoral pact with the Liberals, which the social democrats dearly want, they will have to stand down in favour of a Liberal candidate in many of the most vulnerable Conservative marginals in southern England.

Yet it is undeniable that the Conservatives do see a threat from the social democrats. Why else should that acute tactician, the chairman of it the party, Lord Thorneycroft, have been telling the House of Lords on Wednesday how proud and happy he was to see the party securely placed on the "broad central ground of politics today"? We even had a scathing reference in passing to "rabid monetarists". That hardly sounded like the doctrine according to Sir Keith Joseph.

If the Conservatives are to clamber back on to the middle ground, how should they set about it? It is more a matter of style than of substance.

Mrs Thatcher has been so busy proclaiming that "the lady's not for
turning" that many people have not
appreciated just how pragmatic this Government has become. The Prime Minister's television interview with Mr Brian Walden on Weekend World last Sunday was a case in point. The stock market picked up the hint of a possible further cut in interest rates, even though the money supply is not yet under control. But most reports of that interview concentrated on her determination not to reflate: This is just the time when we have to stay on course and say, we are a government that's set out to do long-term things."

In other words, on specifics she indicated that she was pragmatic, but the general impression conveyed was one of unswerving fixity of purpose. There have been quite a few other specifics where the Government has been pragmatic. There is the money poured out for British Leyland and British Steel, with Sir Keith Joseph of all people unable to give an assur-ance in the Commons last week that this would be the last payment to

Largely because of these demands from publicly owned industry the Government has been unable to cut public expenditure as it had intended: the plans left behind by Labour have been reduced, but not the absolute level of spending. A half share in British Aerospace is now to be sold off to private investors, but there is lic sector in the British economy will be of less consequence by the next election than it was at the last.

There is now an incomes policy of a kind in the public sector, though not in the private sector. The Government's assays in the contentious field of trade union law reform have been ing requirement is well above target, and the money supply is out of con-trol according to the Government's own most favoured indicator, M3—though ministerial preference for that indicator has been modified by its continued refusal to give the expected answers. This last instance is, though, an example only of accidental prag-matism since the last thing the Government intended was to let the money supply rise as it has.
On the whole, this Government has

been nearly as pragmatic in its deeds as any administration would have

been in this period. No government would have been able to have a fullywould have been able to have a fully-fledged incomes policy, even if it had wanted one, following the collapse of the Callaghan experiment. Any government would have been forced to cut back public spending in the present economic climate. Another government would have pursued a different tax policy, though it is unlikely that any administration would have reflated seriously with high, even if diminishing, inflation in an international recession. international recession.

It is just possible that a Labour government would have followed the alternative strategy of determined reflation in an economy protected by import controls, but not Mr. Callaghan and his colleagues if they had been reelected in 1979.

The real distinction is that the present Government is not pragmatic in its rhetoric. Whereas Lord Thorneycroft was glorying on Wednesday in the aid to BL as evidence that the Conservatives occupied the centre ground, Mrs Thatcher spoke of it on Sunday as a decision that was "very, very difficult indeed". She is not able to take pride in the pragmatism of her administration for the simple reason that the pragmatism of the same administration for the simple reason that the pragmatism of the same administration for the simple reason that the pragmatism of the same administration for the same administration that she is not proud of it. It has amounted to a series of concessions wring from her by the pressure of events and her colleagues. To glory in them would encourage those colleagues and weaken resistance to events in the future.

Yet if the Conservatives feel that it is necessary to head off the social democrats by returning to the middle ground, they will have to adopt the rhetoric as well as the policies of pragmarism. Lord Thorneycroft was pointing the way. When they are forced into actions that offend their doctrine they will have to rejoice in them as evidence that they are not bound by dogma. They must present cuts in public expenditure as a regrettable necessity not a healthy discipline. Unemployment must always be described as a calamity, never as the application of an economic theory.

There are signs that Mrs Thatcher is trying to observe these rules, for some of the rime at least. But the general impression she creates is invigorating or provoking, according Yet the middle ground belongs to those who can reassure. I do not that Mrs Thatcher will be ditched by her party before the next election. But it is undeniable that she is not the best person to represent a com-forting Conservatism, if that is what they decide to present to the country.

In the Children's Books feature on Wednesday, the address for the Penguin Book . Club enquiries was incorrectly given. It is: 536 King's Road, London W10.

Will Europe's Middle East initiative ever take off?

Later this month Mr Christo-pher Van de Klaauw, the Dutch Foreign Minister, and current president of the EEC's Council of Ministers, will set forth on a rour of 14 countries in the Middle East in search of a peace-making role for the Community which has so far shown all the elusive substance

of a desert mirage.

It was last June in Venice that EEC heads of government issued their now famous declaration on the Middle East set-ting out the principles which they considered must form the basis of any lasting settlement

This was to be followed by talks with all the countries concerned in the light of which the Nine, since grown to ten would determine the form which an initiative on their part could take". More than seven months

take". More than seven months later the shape of this promised initiative remains indistinct to say the least.

The first diplomatic soundings were conducted last August and September by Mr Gaston Thorn, now President of the European Commission but that time still Foreign Ministration of the commission but at that time still Foreign Minister of Luxembourg, Mr van der Klaauw will be seeking more detailed reactions to the theo-retical work the EEC has done in the meantime on approaches

to a peace settlement.

What the Ten still have to show is whether, beyond ingenious theoretical solutions, they have anything concrete to contribute. European criticism of the shortcomings of the American-sponsored Camp David talks between Egypt and Israel may be entirely valid, but it has yet to be demonstrated that any other negotiating process would produce appreciably better results.

That was the constant if

That was the constant if generally sotto voce complaint of the Americans under Presi-dent Carter, and it is likely to be much amplified under President Reagan, particularly if new life is breathed into the moribund Camp David exercise The Camp David concept of Palestinian autonomy within

framework determined by Egypt and Israel and ultimately Jordan might still lead nowhere Jordan might still lead nowhere in the end. But for a time it could well appear to be making progress, making the Community's efforts seem increasingly tangential and irrelevant. In those circumstances the EEC could be faced with a choice of either accepting that there was nothing useful it could do (and thus losing all credibility in the Arab world)

credibility in the Arab world) or else dissociating itself much more sharply than hitherto from American policy. The latter course might well appeal to the French, But the British certainly and the Germans. probably would see kittle to be gained from an open breach with Washington.

The two main points of disa-greement are the Europeans' insistence that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) must be "associated" with the peace negotiations, and that the Palestinian people as a whole must be able to exercise the right of "self-determination", which is taken to mean the on the first, the Americans

take the view that it is simply not realistic to expect an Israeli government, of any political colour, to treat with the PLO, which is seen in Israel as a terrorist organization bent on the destruction of the Jewish

On the second, the Americans do not find the introduction of the concept of self-determination helpful at this stage since it appears to preclude more ambiguous solutions, such as joint Israeli-Jordanian custodianship of the West Bank, which Mr Peres is known to favour and which they appear to think they might be able to talk an admittedly unenthusiastic King Husain into accepting.

The basis for Mr van der Klaauw's talks with Arab and Israeli leaders as he travels through the Middle East will be a confidential document setting out a range of options under four main headings: Israeli withdrawal, self-determination, security guarantees and the status of Jerusalem. His task will be to try to identify those offering the most possibilities

The starting-point, in the EEC's view, must be a phased withdrawal by Israel over two years from the occupied territories of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem, with security being maintained by an international force under United Nations control.

The EEC accepts that full Palestinian independence would have to be preceded by some kind of transitional arrangement -possibly administrative auton. omy under locally elected mayors—subject to international supervision. But the Community's ideas are still vague.

The range of suggestions for The range of suggestions for the status of Jerusalem include internationalization (either of the whole city or only the old quarter containing the holy places), partition, an Arabisraeli condominium and a joint municipality run by locally elected representatives. Under the security heading. Mr van der Klaauw will invite suggestions on the demarcation.

suggestions on the demarcation of demilitarized zones, limiting the size of armed forces, and the role that the EEC might play in helping to provide inter-national guarantees of mutually recognized borders.

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Siberia-the very name ins-

pires awe and dread. Both to the Russian and to the foreigner wasteland, a place of exile and punishment, a remote region of endless winter. But to today's planners and economists it has also come to mean the Russian El Dorado: a land of boundless natural wealth, a vast unexploited reserve of gold, coal, oil, iron ore and almost every natural resource needed for the future development of the Soviet

What lies beneath the per-mafrost could make the Soviet Union the richest country in the world. It is the challenge of how to exploit this potential that still inspires awe.

For years Siberia has been isolated, challenging man with its harshness and vastness, and there is still a brush, cough frontier spirit among those who live in a region that covers more than six million square miles. The Siberians are proud of their endurance: "A hundred kilometres is no distance. Minus 40 degrees is no frost", they say.

It was, of course, the rail-ways that opened up this mysterious land to the modern world, and led directly to the founding of today's unofficial capital of the whole region. In the world. They built a bridge. years later the town has

cow than London is, Novosiis still considerably less than halfway along the Truns-Siberian railway from the Soviet capital to Vladivostok. The busy, modern city belies been no winter at all—tem- ing land and is also an impor- like a faculty club, the schools

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as a land of forest and raiga, mosquitoes and fir-trees, salt-mines and labour camps. The original wooden houses are almost all gone, and the remaining few threatened with the bulldozer.

of trains and trolley-buses, broad tree-lined boulevards, parks, squares and modern blocks of flats. By Soviet standards it would do credit to European .Russia west of the Urals, and you have the curious feeling that after all that travelling you have really gone no distance at all from Moscow. Its .inhabitans often compare it to Chicago-" but we grew faster", they boast.

Deep blue

To an outsider the most 1893 the Russian engineers striking thing is the climate. building the Trans-Siberian in summer the temperature railway came to the mighty can soar to 40 degrees Centi-River Ob, the fourth largest in grade. But in winter it drops to minus 35 and sometimes across the river and on its east touches minus 50—an incred-bank a station and a town, ible range of 90 degrees, which was named Novoniko-summer the Siberains flock to layevsk in honour of the new the banks of the Ob to fish or Tsar Nicholas II. Eighty-eight sunbathe. Locals claim they enjoy more sunshine each year become a city of almost a million and a half, spilt over on
to the other bank of the Ob,
and has a post-revolutionary
name—Novosibirsk.
Though farther from Mosin the world-Novosibirsk is the same latitude as Carlisle-is so cold

This year the inhabitants are all complaining that there has

below minus 25 degrees. They like it cold, and after three days there I can see why. The sky is deep blue, the sun shines and the climate is brac-ing. It is far nicer than Moswhere the warm winter e buildozer. cow where the warm winter Novosibirsk today is a city has meant continual slush and gives every citizen a home-made deepfreeze: outside every window you can see bags of good hanging in the frost until needed.

Still, it is cold for the uni-formed children who rake turns guarding the eternal flame, changing every 15 minutes and marching away, machine guns on their arms, with a peculiarly chilling and depressing slow goose-step. Novosibirsk was too far from the married form. the wartime front to suffer attack, but 30,000 people went off to fight and did not come

The only real fighting there went on during the civil war, when the city was occupied by the White army of Admiral Kolchak and then retaken by the Reds during that confusing campaign fought almost entirely up and down the Trans-Siberian railway. There is, of course, an appropriate memorial to the Red martyrs butchered by the Whites, and the guides expect a suitably partisan reaction to their tales of White terror. Siberia is crucial to the

Soviet Union's economic future, and Novisibirsk, as the capital, plays a central role. Though younger by some 200 years than other towns like Irkursk and Tobolsk, Novosibirsh has a rich and the property of the content of the conten birsk has easily outstripped flats look ridier, better kept. them all it lies in rich farm. The local restaurant is rather

tant industrial and transport centre. A train passes through the station once very four minutes. Ships carry goods more than 1,000 miles down the Ob- to the towns and regions of the north.

But the real key to Siberian development lies 20 miles to the south amid picturesque birch groves—Akademgorodok, a purpose-built town to house hundreds of the country's of miles from the old centres of weat Europaan culture, is more closely in touch with what is going on in New York, Paris or London than most other places in Russia.

Certainly culture has a good most illustrious brains. Here scientists and economists, under the aegis of the important Siberian branch of Academy

sciences, mastermind the future of the Siberian virgin lands, test the colossal development projects and draw up plans for the building of a second Trans-Siberian railway—now being built-or the reversal of the Siberian rivers to flow back down to the deserts of central Asia—plans that will probably remain for ever on the shelf.

Good salaries

The community was founded in 1957, in the heady days of the post-Stalin thaw, and by all accounts was an exciting place. Young scientists, lured from the western part of the country by good salaries and a relaxed life-style, could start everything afresh; order any western journals and books, join clubs that bubbled over with ideas and argument.

Some of the steam has gone out of the place as the brightest and best were enticed back to Moscow to other top jobs, and those remaining simply stayed on and grew older. The noted liberalism was curbed, some of the clubs were closed down and the experimental feel to the place gave way to institutionalism.

But Akademgorodok still has a pleasant campus atmosphere. Even the standard blocks of

educate some of the brightest children in the region, most o abroad, and there is a curious sense that this small township, buried in the snow thousands of miles from the old centres more closely in touch with what is going on in New York, Paris or London than most other places in Russia.

Certainly culture has a good an immense opera house, built during the war in lavish classical style, can seat 2,000 people and boasts one of the better ballet companies in the Soviet Union. The art treasures were evacuated there from Moscow during the war. There is not much to see in the way of old churches, however-only a couple of wooden Russian Ortho-dox churches built before the revolution, a synagogue and Baptist prayer house. The guide seemed rather proud of the fact: "Novosibirsk is a city of youth, a city of atheists" she proclaimed. Technically Siberia stops

short of the regions bordering the Pacific coast, which are known as the Soviet Far East, though most foreigners of it extending from the Urals all the way to the sea. Foreigners are increasingly common in Siberia as tourism there gets going, but so far only five cities are open for package tourists as much of Siberia is either inaccessible or closed to foreigners for security reasons.

But though Siberia is still very. Russian (Novosibirsk's population is 95 per cent Ruscian, and virtually none of the Soviet Muslim population from Central Asia have emigrated north), it is so vast, so still and so strange-rather like a desert-that it is impressive even to one used to the Russian scale of distances.

And winter really is the best time, as the old Russian proverb says: "In Siberia the winter lasts 12 months, the rest is summer.

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All members of pension schemes litself. Indeed, as a general printer the terms of employment of a considerable number of neonless in the public services are ciple it is highly desirable that considerable number of neonless trong of the protected against inflation. It is not only civil servants who come In the entitled to pensions that are fully the internal the late of the state of the late of the inc introduce the police, the armed forces, in the selection of the police, the armed forces, in the selection of the police, the armed forces, in the selection of the precise. MPs Hardly anyone in the selection of the selectio on preclude MPs marrow solutions in private sector enjoys similar landaman benefits. Some occupational schemes have in practice largely schemes have in practice largely compensated their members even in the sector of the extremely high levels of the children in recent years, but the same even in these schemes the members are not have the same the same the same the same advantage of certainty. The new advantage of certainty. The new advantage of certainty. The new state carnings-related pension will cover people in the private constant of the sector, but the full benefits will a waite of oncoment not be enjoyed by anyone retirement of opposing headings in will relate only to that portion sections of income which is equal to average of income which is equal to average. trustalen, of income winings or less, and least less as age national earnings or less, and least less less than will not cover the self-employed. So this country is become the most passed of feet two nations in retirement to the country is presented to the public sector pensions those with public sector persons about much by who do not need to worry about the rost of us for

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Scott and his committee, whose

the value of a pension with which a person goes into retirement should be preserved in real terms-provided that this is economically possible. But it is totally wrong that the benefit of this principle should be enjoyed in the public bur not the private sector. That is both unjust and economically unhealthy because it gives a considerable additional advantage to employment in that sector on which the creation of

wealth depends least. There are three possible solutions to this dilemma. Public service employees can continue to enjoy this benefit, but be made to pay an economic price for it. The Scott report has some ideas on that score, but the difficulty about this approach is that it is impossible to fix the right price without knowing what the rate of inflation is going to be in future years. The Government Actuary may be right that the long-term rate will be no more than seven per cent, but most' people will consider him an incorrigible optimist.

Another possibility would be simply to get rid of index-linking in the public sector on the ground that it gives too much of a good thing to too few. That would certainly be preferable to leaving things as they are. But' it would not be an ideal solution because it would mean changing in all inflationary finance.

The best outcome would be if members of occupational schemes in the private sector could be given the same advantage. The obvious objection to that is that no private company can afford to give such an undertaking to its employees in an age of high and extremely variable inflation, especially at a time when profit margins have been

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dangerously squeezed.
The Scott report suggests a possible means of meeting this difficulty by making indexed bonds available on the marker. Such bonds could be purchased by pension funds and by the selfemployed, who at the moment face special difficulties over pensions. This arrangement would be in effect to bring the principle of the "granny bond" to the rescue of private occupational sension schemes. Experience with the "granny bonds", which have been readily accepted by the public; suggests that if the capital sum is secured against inflation the interest payable need be only minimal. There are indeed practical objections to such an approach, but they can be exag-gerated. The Government should respond to the report by considering actively and constructively whether to issue a new pension bond. Such bonds do after all help to reduce the fraud inherent

A COURAGEOUS VISIT TO THE BASQUES

There was never any expectation that King Juan Carlos's visit to the Basque country, which ended vesterday, would be an easy one, or that he would get an enthusiastic reception from the public. By all accounts the King was even strongly advised by Segor a g Suarez, the outgoing Prime Minister, not to undertake it for fear cither that he would come to some harm, or that he would be subjected to some gross indignity which would enrage the right.

But he himself was determined to go ahead with the plan, and in the event he achieved the aims he had set himself. He showed his support for the con-

cept of Basque autonomy within Vichsel Hand Spain, and by his own calmness and good humour in Guernica in the face of the demonstration by Herri Batasuna provided assurance for his supporters.

The demonstration was a reminder that Herri Batasuna, the most extreme of the Basque parties, which is linked to the more violent "military" wing of the ETA terrorist organization, is only a minority. Even Euskadiko Eskerra, which is associated with the "politicalmilitary " wing of ETA, did not join in, though its representa-tives studiously ignored the King.

neither standing up when he arrived nor clapping his remarks. The rest of the assembly, including the Basque Nationalist Party, the largest of the Basque parties, applauded him particularly when he attacked "those who practise intolerance and do not respect representative institutions or the most elementary rules of freedom of expression ".

Most Basques clearly prefer the idea of autonomy within Spain to the mixture of separatism, Marxism and terror. offered by ETA. But though the extremists, and their supporters are a minority, they are still a sizeable minority, and there will have to be a sustained effort by-Madrid if persistent Basque resentment is to be calmed and terrorism eliminated. All Basques have painful memories

of the Franco regime, when attempts to express a separate. identity were put down. They are suspicious of the King of Spain because he is the leader of the dominant Castilians. The economic difficulties that the Basque region is now going through, with traditional industries suffering badly from the recession, have provided extra fuel for

King Juan Carlos's visit was a step in the right direction. His visit to Guernica was deliberately symbolic, because of the historical associations that the town has for the Basques; and he acknowledged their feeling that their traditional rights; the basis of the relationship between themselves and the monarchy, had been violated. It had to be recognized, he said, that historically, the integration of the Basque country through its links with the crown only became a problem when the traditional policy of mutual loyalties, which has been at the

The King's other audience was the Spanish right, in the Army and elsewhere, who are sensitive to the notion that Spain might be in the process of being dismembered through the government's process of devolution, not only in the Basque country, but also in Catalonia, Andalusia and Galicia. To them his message was that he was backing the devolution process, but that Spain would remain intact. At a time when Spain is temporarily without a government, because of the resignation of Senor Suárez last week, the King's voice carries a particular authority.

basis of our union, was broken ".

THE BUREAUCRATS OF BASINGSTOKE

It is the stuff that Ealing comedies used to be made from. lone householder locks herself into her own home as an unlicensed squatter, with every man's hand against her (well, some of them). It must be hoped that the affair can be resolved without the intervention of comic police-men. Mrs Lawrence's former tenant, unemployed, is reported to be seeking an order to evict ber, in spite of the fact that his own three months' lease has expired. He can easily be cast in the Peter Sellers role of diabolical liberty-taker, but it seems that it would be at least as true to represent him as a helpless tool of that other familiar villain of such pieces, parrow-

minded local bureaucracy. As far as the law is concerned, it is clear that Mrs Lawrence is in the wrong. She should have sought a possession order, a process that may take several weeks. If so, she says, the law is an ass. Nobody would disagree in general with that sensible Dickensian observation, bur in this instance there are other asses in evidence. The tenant, Mr Goodall, claims that the local housing authority, advised him

that he had to go through the legal ritual of eviction if he and Down in balmy Basingstoke the . his family were to be rehoused as homeless. He only wants to get back in so that he can be thrown out in due form.

It is common today for councils to give advice of this kind. to candidates for homelessness, in an attempt to minimize the costly extra burden put on their waiting lists. by the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act. But the restriction has no basis in law. Like the borough of Wandsworth in a court case this week, Basingstoke has no power to bind itself by rules fettering its statutory discretion to house those it considers to be in urgent need of accommodation. In cases like this, where it is obvious that the tenant would have no case against an application for possession, it is absurd to impose extra delay, cost and distress merely to postpone the inevitable for a few weeks.

Ir is true that the legal machinery for an owner-occupier to regain possession after a shortterm let is less elaborate than that ordained for landlords of other kinds of property. In theory, it can be done in a few days. In practice, a defendant can often string the process out

for a couple of months. The whole process is apt to encour age blackmail or collusion. The procedure for evicting squatters, which Mr Goodall (householder in the eyes of the law) means to invoke, is much more rapid and certain.

The case is the kind of paradoxical affair from which wider lessons should be drawn only with caution. Tenants in general need strong legal safeguards against eviction from their homes when cheap accommodation is so hard to find. But a three months' tenancy is scarcely home, and the shortage is in part caused by occupiers' fears that they might have the same problems as Mrs Lawrence if they let their homes while they are away. Now that 55 per cent of homes are owner-occupied, the wasteful inflexibility that this introduces into the market is increasingly important. The problem of empty second homes in the country is made worse by similar fears. Where an owner wants his first or second home for his own use, and a limited tenancy has demonstrably expired, the process of repossession should be as quick and certain as the process for ejecting: squatters.

Breath test controls

From Mr A. H. Parsons and Mr G. F. I. Hart Sir, As analytical chemists we wholeheartedly agree with the comments of Mr T. E. Rymer (January, 27) regarding the proposed new breathtesting procedure under the Trans-port Bill, 1980.

We would like to add that there are many other points in the new proposals which should give considerable cause for concern. For example, even if the new evidential breath-test instrument is operated and calibrated correctly by a fully trained operator, which from the wording of the proposed legislation, would not appear to be a necessary prerequisite to obtaining a successful prosecution, the accuracy and precision of the new procedure is

far from encouraging. This is perhaps best illustrated by the figures given in the Government's own consultative document on the subject, which states that during the trials of the various evidential testing instruments, in which suspects were asked to give two consecutive breath samples. there was a difference between the two results of more than 20mg alcohol per 100ml of blood (when the breath results were converted to the equivalent blood figure) in one in every 14 cases! It is probably no coincidence therefore that

the Government have felt it necess ary to effectively raise the present limit of 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood to the equivalent of 92mg per 100ml of blood.

We are further concerned by the very real possibility that these new evidential breath instruments may be either innocently or knowingly cheated. For to obtain a representative result, it is necessary for the instruments to analyze a sample of deep lung air, and although the instruments have various methods of trying to achieve this, they are, we believe, far from foolproof. Thus by such techniques as incomplete exhalation, hyperventilation, vigorous exercise, etc., it should be possible to provide unrepresentative samples, all of which would give rise to lower analytical results, thereby

effectively cheating the system.

None of these techniques has any significant short-term effect on the concentration of alcohol in the blood and would thus not affect the result of the samples presently

In conclusion, we would pose the question as to why it is necessary to change the present system of taking blood samples which are then accurately analyzed in a laboratory by fully qualified analytical chemists, to one which uses an inferior analytical procedure, largely rakes away the suspect's present right of an independent check on

the analytical result, and opens up the possibility of cheating. The only claimed advantage of the new system would seem to be the ability to provide an instant result, but we are sure most people, especially in the case of borderline samples, would far rather wait for an accurate result than take the risk of an instant but unreliable Yours faithfully

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Haigspeak implications

From Mr Michael Ambrose Sir, Am I alone among Times readers in thinking that what General Haig is saying is more important than how he is saying it?
Surely we should be objecting to the improbability factors of his cold war politics, otherwise there may be none of us around to discuss the finer points of the English language. Yours Haighairingly, MICHAEL AMBROSE, 31 Imperial Road, Berkshire. February 3.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Exerting pressure on Russia

From Mr Cyril D. Townsend, MP for Bexleyheath (Conservative)

Sir, Sir Richard Dobson (January 30) suggests that the recent visit to Moscow by officials of the Department of Trade (not a trade mission in the normal sense of the term) is a sign that Britain has abundoned all the economic measures taken against the Soviet Union in disapproval of the invasion of Afghanistan. This seems to be wide of the mark.

Three specific measures were announced by the Government in January of last year. The credit agreement with the Soviet Government, which made available large amounts of credit at unreasonably favourable rates of interest, was not to be renewed when it expired in February, 1980. It has not been. The application of the rules of exporting atrategic and sensitive technology to the Soviet Union was to be tightened. It has been. And the European Community decided not to replace on the Soviet market agricultural produce withheld by the United States.

Although that decision has not the community of the Community

been implemented as rigorously as some of us would like, it has meant that the Russians have not been able to buy all the grain they needed. Where is the change of course in all this?

When those measures were au-nounced, the Government said that normal trade with the Russians should be pursued on the basis of mutual advantage. Those who do business with state trading countries know the importance of the intergovernmental arrangements which facilitate trade and are essential if our exporters are not to lose out to their competitors in other coun-

As I understand it, the recent visit to Moscow was designed to keep these arrangements in working order. I do not see this as "creeping back again, looking for business,"; we have been looking for business all along, but within the constraints imposed by the measures on credits, technology and

The extent of British moral support for the Afghan resistance, expressed through the Government's attitude to British participation in the Olympics and the continuing avoidance of prestigious cultural events, as well as by means of these economic measures, does not therefore seem to me to have lessened over the bast year, much less been withdrawn. Yours faithfully,

CYRIL D. TOWNSEND, House of Commons, February 2.

Soviet aims

From Mr Brian Thomas . Sir, Considering the controversial record of the Soviet Union in foreign policy, it is rather surprising

that, at his first press conference on January 29, President Reagan chose to attack it in the area where it is least vulnerable. He stated that since the Russian levolution there had been no

Soviet leader who had not repeated their determination that their goal must be the promotion of world revolution and the one world

socialist or communist state."

Certainly Lenin said something very like this on August 2, 1915, two years before he took power, but since then Soviet leaders have been remarkably consistent in asserting the opposite. It was Stalin, for example, who on March 1, 1936, made the statement which must presumably have been regarded as definitive, since it was repeated by Malenkov at the nineteenth party congress some 16 years later; while variations of the same theme were made many times by Khrush-chev, and more recently in chapter 4 of the New (1977) Soriet Con-

4 of the New (1977) somet constitution:
We Markists believe that a revolution will also take place in other countries.
But it will take place only when the revolutionaries in those countries think it possible or necessary. The export of revolution is nonsense. Every country will make its own revolution if it wants to, and if it does not want to there will be no revolution.

Until President Reagan spoke, the debate has tended to be about

debate has tended to be about whether Soviet actions match their words. It is curious that it is now the words themselves which are in dispute. Yours faithfully, BRIAN THOMAS, Huoters End, Station Road, Bentley, Hampshire.

Canadian sovereignty

February 2.

From Mr Laurence Wilson Sir, The matter is simpler than commentators have supposed. When Westminster parliamentarians consider Mr Trudeau's Bill they will not be a United Kingdom legislature dealing with Canada's internal affairs: they will be a Canadian legislature (one of 12 with which Canada is now blessed, each with its distinctive and limited powers).

If this were not so, Britain would indeed be dealing with Canada's affairs, and Canada would not be a sovereign state, as it is inter-nationally recognized to be.

It has always been so. When the first British North America Act was passed at Westminster it was done there because Westminster was the supreme legislature for British North America, not because it was the legislature for the United

Mrs Thatcher and her Cabinet colleagues would be guilty of inter-ference if they were to offer any opinion about the merits of Mr Trudeau's Bill, for it is not the concern of the United Kingdom or its Government.

But Sir Anthony Kershaw and his fellow parliamentarians (report, January 31) will be doing their duty as honorary Canadians whether they pass, reject or amend Mr Trudeau's Bill, provided they do so in what they conscientiously believe to be the best interests of the Canadian people who entrusted them with that duty. Yours faithfully,

L. WILSON, The Manor, Grendon Underwood, Aylesbury. February 1.

Liberal questions on a centre alliance From Mr William Wallace

Sic. As a Liberal favourably inclined to the principle of cooperation with social-democratic defectors from Labour I watched the pronouncements of their leaders over their first week with a sense of deepening despair. The (Council for Social Democracy) appear inexcusably ignorant about the Liberal Party and about Liberal policy, naively optimistic about the problems of establishing a new political movement, and unjustifiably complacent about the prospects of concluding an electoral agreement satisfactory to them-selves in the absence of prior consultations on policy priorities and some experience of successful collaboration at Westminster.

To judge from the current socialdemocratic euphoria one might believe that the realignment of the left was a new and noble idea, needing only a band of enthusiasts to march round the walls of Westminster in order for the two-party system to come tumbling down. In reality the issue is 20 years old: and Liberals have learned from the bitter experience of those years and from the recurrent waverings of social democrats—that a few Labour defections and a rush of favourable publicity do not provide a substitute for established local activity and a consistent programme

f policies. The Liberal "revival" of 1961-63 was exhibarating, but our then untried party made a great many mis-takes which contributed to its col-lapse in 1964. Since then we have painfully and slowly built up a mass party, with the resilience to withstand such adverse swings of opinion as the general election of 1979. We are not particularly dis-posed to hand what we have achieved over to a group which has initially displayed more concern with personalities and parliamen-tary careers than with policies, and displays a certain arrogance in its proprietary attitude both to slice of the electorate and to "its" place in the political spectrum. I would recommend a little more humility, and realism, to the leaders of the CSD, if they seriously intend to try for the cooperation with the Liberals which most public commenzators and opinion polls assume to be the only way to reach a breakthrough at the next general election—only three years away. Yours faithfully, WILLIAM WALLACE.

49 St James's Drive, Wandsworth Common, SW17.

From Mr Tom Cross

Sir, May I through your columns suggest an answer to the problems of the moderates in the Labour Party in its present mood, and the establishment of a soundly-based centre party, which I believe the country needs if we are to avoid extremism?

The Co-operative Party, which still has a separate identity, will not, I believe, wish to continue its long-standing alliance with a Labour Party set on a corporatist, undemocratic course. Those who recall the compassion and rugged independence of the Rochdale pioneers of the Co-operative Movement, the quality and tone of its fine news-paper, Reynolds News, and the reputation for decent, straight-dealing enjoyed by the Co-operative societies of today, will see in it an excellent vehicle for a social democratic party with clear economic and moral objectives which the electorate can recognize and, if it chooses, support.

I make the suggestion with no disrespect or lack of regard for the Liberal Party as the alternative. It is my view, however, that the difficult, diffuse concept of Libera-lism is not understood by the electorate at large who, when they do give it their vote, do so largely from a motive of protest rather

than conviction. The principle of cooperation would, on the other hand, embody most of the aims of Liberals and be a recognizable platform for a social democratic party seeking to be an alternative government. Yours truly TOM CROSS.

19 Higher Heyes Drive, Kingsley, Warrington, Cheshire.

Hostages agreement

From Mr J. G. Merrills Sir, In his attempt to justify possible American renunciation of the agreement with Iran, Mr Harding (January 30) exhibits both a basic misunderstanding of the international law of treames and an alarmingly superficial view of the interests of the new Administration. As far as international law is

concerned, it is clear from article 62(1)b of the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties that a change of circumstances can only be invoked if "the effect of the change is radically to transform the extent of obligations still to be performed under the treaty." It is difficult to see how recent revelaions concerning the ill-treatment of the hostages could be said to have this effect, nor how such behaviour could be said to constitute a material breach of the release agreement within article 60 of the

same convention. In connexion with both articles it must also be pointed out that the right to withdraw from a treaty depends not on whether one party feels" that the provision in question provides such a justification, as Mr Harding asserts, but on the very different criterion of whether on the facts such a justification

actually exists.

Although there is therefore nosubstance in arguments based on article 60 and 62 of the convention, the United States would in my view certainly be entitled to maintain that the horages agreement was void for duress within the meaning of article 52 of the convention.

It does not follow, however, that repudiation of the agreement would a politically sensible action at the present time. Apart from the obvious point that the frozen assets are Iranian property, so that repudiating the agreement could in itself provide no justification for their continued retention, it was Iran's obsession with punishment and revenge that produced the hostages crisis in the first place. It therefore seems odd that those self-same impulses should be offered to President Reagan as a satisfactory foundation for American-Iranian relations in the future. relations in the future. Yours faithfully, J. G. MERRILLS, Faculty of Law, Crookesmoor Building, Conduit Road, Sheffield.

Artists' adviser

From the Chairman of the Arts Council of Great Britain Sir, Mr Black and his distinguished co-signatories (January 31) omit to mention the most important fact about the Arts Council's funding of

Artiaw Services.

The council welcomed this imaginarive idea from the start, and indeed I myself chaired the public meeting at which Artisw Services was launched. But it was always envisaged that the services would become self-financing within a year two and they themselves initially ssked the Arts Council for grantaid for two years only, subsequently extended to March, 1981. This was a major factor in the council's. decision to fund a service which was well outside the normal scope of its

well outside the normal scope of as activities.

Artlaw succeeded perhaps even better than expected and, if it is still not self-financing, the reason must lie mainly in the level of charges made. Neither they nor we ever contemplated that the service would depend on council funding beyond the initial years. We are, however, very happy to support their appeal for assistance from other sources to the extent that this continues to be necessary. Yours faithfully, KENNETH ROBINSON,

105 Piccadilly, W1. February 2

Future of 'The Times'

From Mr Keith Richardson Sir, Unless a rescue operation goes

through, Times Newspapers will cease to exist at the end of next month Large numbers of loyal and long-serving employees, including myself, will be out of work. We have little chance of finding comparable employment in the present reces-sion. The problem of how we are going to pay our rent and food bills is causing me, my family, and many of my friends and colleagues the most acute and urgent worry.

In this critical situation we have one firm chance of safety, in the deal with Rupert Murdoch. We are fortunate in that he is commonly recognized to be the most enterprising and successful newspaper man in Fleet Street today. Some of my colleagues might perhaps prefer another proprietor, but this is the only solid commitment. Everything else is speculation.

But now I hear that my colleagues on The Sunday Times have voted in effect to block the Murdoch bid by pressing for a reference to the monopolies commission. foreign correspondent, at least, was given no prior notification of such a controversial move, and no opportunity to come to London, attend the chapel meetings, or make his own views heard. From the perspective of the Continent of Europe it looks like yet another example of the death wish that in recent years seems to have taken a grip of the entire British economy and which is so utterly inexplicable to the French, Germans and Belgians whom I meet in my everyday

Even at this late hour, may I ask my colleagues to reflect again, and spare a thought for those journalists and printers who want to keep working for Times Newspapers and who still believe that with vigorous and imaginative leadership it could be made to flourish again?

KEITH RICHARDSON, (Sunday Times Common Market Editor), 7 Avenue des Tournesols. Rhode, Belgium. February 5.

City health care From Mr Robert Davies

Sir, The British Medical Association's proposals for new incentives to improve family doctor services in inner cities (report, January 28) are only part of the response needed to tackle the growing problem of poor inner-city primary health care. Our district forms the heart of the West End where local people can live cheek by jowl with doctors' surgeries yet, from our own survey evidence, find it almost impossible to register on a National Health Service list. Your report quoted the latest findings prepared for the Royal College of General Practitioners by our local GP, Dr Brian Jarman, which show how a small number of single-handed and aging GPs are defending the front line whilst others are restricting their NHS lists to an absolute minimum. This is contrary to the best interests of patients and has become intolerable in this district.
Inner London, like other loner-

city areas, now requires a radical new approach to the provision of primary health care of which new incentives form only one component. My Community Health Council is ressing for two key measures. First, NHS resources must once again be earmarked for the development of inner-city health centres, and primary health-care teams; in areas ith high rents and building costs CP mortgage schemes are not viable. Secondly, the Medical Practices Committee must at long last change

its regulations on the numbers of GPs allowed to operate in an area; a GP with a minimum NHS list should not be counted as "one doctor" but "half a doctor", and the quota should be based on the population choosing to register in the area rather than the lower resident population. Yours sincerely. ROBERT DAVIES. Chairman.

Soho & Marylebone Community Health Council, 13 Ingestre Place, WI. January 29.

Safeguards on historic buildings

From Mr Douglas B. Hugue Sir, In reply to the letter by Mr John Harris (February 2), I have encountered an understandable reluctance on the part of some country house owners to have photoeraphs of furnished interiors taken for security reasons. Such photo-graphs can show the existence and exact positions of pictures and other articles of value. As the files the Royal Commissions and National Monuments Record are open to the public, they remain an open invitation to potential thieves. Secondly, as regards Mr J. K. Batey's fair comment (February 2) on the City of Oxford inventory account of Wadham College Library: it is only fair to point out that when "the Commissions" set out on their daunting task in 1909, herely and of the Commissions of the Commission of the Com barely a nod was given to any post-medieval buildings or features. It was some time before John Adam was "recognized", whilst now trainsheds and gasworks are favoured with lyrical descriptions. Thirdly, it is to be hoped that the important and sad letter by Arnold Taylor (January 31) will be widely read. During and long after Dr

Taylor's stay in Wales many great buildings have benefited from his scholarship and enthusiasm; his love of them was passed down to the custodians of the most remote sites, who always received from him a kind word about the excellent condition of "their" monument. Yours faithfully. DOUGLAS B. HAGUE,

Maesglas, Llanafan, Aberystwyth, Dyfed. ebruary 3.

From the Warden of Wadham College, Oxford

Sir, My college is concerned that inaccurate accounts have appeared in the press about alterations in the old library of the college (London Disry, January 8; letters, January 21, February 2). We acknowledge with respect that the college did not originally seak the relegant permiss. originally seek the relevant permis-sions at the right time, but there

Plain bookcases from the eighteenth, inineteenth and twentleth centuries were removed before we had listed building consent and some plain plaster also. The original Jacobean library was lost long ago. The college is producing detailed drawings of the library as it was until a few months ago, and our future plans are under discussion with the appropriate authorities. Yours faithfully,

STUART HAMPSHIRE, Wadham College, January 31.

Voice from the past

From Dr J. H. Crook Sir, Not only did RSM Brittain have a superb parade ground voice but he also used it with devastating effect. While at Mons I sought to ing an extra pair of boots, not however of the Army issue. They had square rather than round toes a difference barely detectable

even by myself.
Once the platoon was marching near the RSM. He stopped it for a quick and seemingly casual inspection. He let us go and not until the sergeant had marched us to the far end of the parade ground did that unforgettable voice come booming after us. "Sergeant—the third man in the back row has non-military boots on. Take his name!"

The splendow of the man is unforgettable and his kindliness outside the parade ground situation much to be remembered. Yours, etc.

JOHN H. CROOK, University of Bristol (Department of Psychology). 8-10 Berkeley Square, Bristol.

New coinage From Mr Richard Thayer

Sir. While a facetious note has crept into one of the letters on this subject appearing in today's Times (January 30), one cannot help but agree with the admirable suggestions that some of our coins should have their distinctive and timehonoured names.
In a more serious vein, however,

would it not now be opportune for a radical change in the value of our notes and coins to take place by the simple expedient of moving the decimal point one place to the left? Both France and Germany—to mention only two-made this change in postwar years and with measure of success. It cannot be denied, of course, that one or two minor disadvantages might result but the half-penny coin is still with us and, on the whole, the advantages which would be gained would be too numerous to mention in this letter; manageability, in all its senses, of the currency would accrue and the Mint might thus be

spared the need to create a £1 coin. I am, Sir, yours faithfully, RICHARD THAYER, 196 Oxford Street, W1.

From Mr A. H. R. Christian

Sir, Alas! the pound note-postage stamp suggested by Mc Kemo in his letter today (January 30) will never be needed.

By extrapolating the increases in postal charges along with deterioration in performance, it can be shown that around the time that first-class postage reaches 90p. the service will have become non-existent.

Yours faithfully, A. H. R. CHRISTIAN, The Mead. Parsonage Downs, Dunmow, Essex.

January 30. From Dr K. E. Machin

February 3.

Sir, If Dr Martys (February 3) is right, and the 50p piece is a regular heptagon, we must presumably attribute the bulging of its sides to inflation. Yours faithfully, K. E. MACHIN. Queens' College, Combridge.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
February 5: By command of The
Queen, the Lord Hamilton of
Dalzell (Lord in Watting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the deon this atternoon upon the te-parture of Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilty and the Hon Angus Ogilty for France, and bade farewell to Her Royal High-ness and Mr Ogilvy on behalf of Her Majesty,

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 5: The Prince of Wales, attended by Major John Winter, visited HMS Invincible at sea

today. His Royal Highness travelled In an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. KENSINGTON PALACE

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 5: The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron, opened an ASH
(Action on Smoking and Health)
conference and in the evening
attended a dinner, to mark their
tenth anniversary, at the Royal
College of Physicians, London,
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland
was in attendance. was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE February 5: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy, attended by the Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard, left Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to visit Paris, where Her Royal Highness will open an exhibition of the works of Thomas Gainstorough at the Grand Palais, will lay the foundation stone of the new wing of the Hertford British Hospital and visit the British Cultural Centre. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE Mr J. M. P. Colman and Miss S. E. Britland
The engagement is announced between Jamie, elder son of Sir Michael Colman, Bt, and Lady Colman, of Malshauger. Basingstoke, Hampshire, and Sue, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Britland, of 15 Straylands Grove, York.

Centre.
Upon arrival at the Airport,
Princess Alexandra and the Hon Princess Alexandra and the Hom Angus Oglive were received by Monsieur Michel Hurnet, representing His Excellency the French Ambassador. Sir Donald Logan, Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and McMichel Maine, Deputy Director, Heathrow Airport, London.

Today is the twenty-ninth anni-versary of the accession of the

The President of the United States is 70 roday.

A memorial service for Mr R. W. Nevin will be held in the Chapel of St Thomas's Hospital on Tues-day, February 17, at noon.

Birthdays today

Mr J. D. C. de Bosdari and Miss C. R. M. Baker The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of the late C. D. de Bosdari and Mrs E. M. G. de Bosdari, of Chaik House, Wrotham, Kent, and Can-dida, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alfred Baker, of Cobhambury House, Cobham, Kent. Mr Claudio Arrau, 78; Sir Denys Buckley, 75; Mr Peter Cadbury, 63; Sir John Gardener, 84; Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard, 84; Mr J. E. C. Hill, 69; the Rev E. Garth Moore, 75; Mr Denis Norden, 59; Lord Roskill, 70; Mr Valth, Watterland, 52; Lord Mr M. J. Broadway and Miss J. Martin The engagement is aunounced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs John Broadway, of Ramsbury, Wilrshire, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr L. Martin and the late Mrs M. Martin, of Bradley, Illinois, United States. Keith Waterhouse, 52; Lord Woolley, 76; Mr Billy Wright, 57.

Royal Marines Concerts

Countess Mountbatten of Eurma was the principal guest on February 4 at the first night of the Mountbatten Concerts 1981 given by the massed bands of her Majesty's Royal Marines in the Albert Hall in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children sargent cancer rune for children
and Service charities. She was
accompanied by her husband,
Lord Brabourne.
The concerts, which are given

cach year, provide a continuing tribute to the late Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, former Life Colonel Commandant

Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards, Commandant General Royal Marines, and Lady Richards hosts on both Wednesday

were hosis on both Wednesday and Thursday nights. Guests on February 4 included:

Mr Keith Speed, MP, and Mrs Speed, Admiral Sir Deemond Cassidi, Sir Kirby Laing, Professor and Mrs Gillray, the Rost W. P. Baddeley, Mr and Mrs K. B Robinson, Mr and Mrs D. J. Pepper and Mr and Mrs P. Points, and on February 5: Sir Donaid and Lady Coolind, Sir Arrhie and Lady Lamb, Vice Admiral and Mrs R. J. Hays, Mr and Mrs B. Heary and Mr and Mrs P. J. F. Green.

Bridge teams chosen By Our Bridge Correspondent By our Bridge Correspondent The teams to represent Great Britain in the Common Market Bridge Championship in Birming-ham between April 29 and May

of 26 years: G. T. Kirby and Lodge: T. Pike and N. Beniley: Clarke and J. Wyndham, non-playing captains will be need after consultation with the

£10,000 bond winners

The winning numbers in the February Premium Savings Bond draw for prizes of £10,000 are: 3ES 585360 (winner lives in Devon), 4ES 885308 (lettford-shire), 10KP 405010 (Enfield, London), 14PB 435670 (Cornwall), 11TT 493279 (Cornwall).

Bishop resigns

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Menevia. Mgr Langton Fox, has resigned because of ill health. from his post in Wales, the Vatican announced vesterday. Mgr John Ward. Coadjutor Bishop, succeeds him automatically.

of divorced persons by the Church of England is unlikely to be suc-cessfully challenged in the forsee-

Religious Affairs Correspondent

By Clifford Longley

able future.

The standing committee of the General Symod, having considered evidence of opinion in the church, has decided that it does not have a mandate to reopen the issue when the symod returns to the subject of church policy on marriage and divorce later this month, the policy of the symptomia of of the Although it is not impossible for an individual member to raise it, that decision almost certainly marks the end of widely beld hopes of a change.

It has been one of the most contentious issues in the Church of England for many years, with a history of several reports and debates, none of which led to a clear outcome.

With different membership from that at present, the synod voted against the recommendation of the General Synod Marriage Commission in 1978 that church marriage should be available to the divorced in some circumthe divorced in some circum-stances. But debate on all the commission's recommendations had not been completed when the

Mr D. T. Allen
and Mrs R. Hutchison
The cugagement is announced
between Derrick Thomas, only
son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Allen,
and Alison, widow of Mr R.
Hutchison and daughter of Mr

Hutchison, and daughter of Mr and Mrs A. B. MacLeod.

Mr A. G. Bennett and Miss B. Aytor The engagement is announced between Arthur Bennett and Brenda Ayton, both of Crow-borough, East Sussex.

Mr P. Bobroff
and Miss J. M. Fox
The engagement is announced
between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs
Ben Bobroff, of London, N2, and
Janice Michele, daughter of Mr
and Mrs Haroid Fox. of London,
NW4.

Mr C. E. Chamberlain and Miss A. D. Doughty

The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr and Mrs

E. R. Chamberlain, of Thorpe Bay, Essex, and Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. G. Doughty, of New Zealand.

Mr J. C. Daiton and Miss L. A. Wilson The engagement is announced be-tween John, son of Mr and Mrss

House Cottage, Linchmere, Hasle-mere, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Wilson, of Church Farm House, Tudeley Lane, Ton-

Memorial service

A memorial service for Mr Murray Macdonald was beld at St Paul's,

Covent Garden, yesterday. The Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister, Actors' Church Union, officiated, assisted by the Rev John Knight. Mr Andrew Cruickshank and Mr Peter Batkworth, who gave an address, also took part in the service. Among those present

service. Among those present

Mrs Q. McPherson (4ster) hir and Mrs Tim Honeyman, Mrs M. E. Wilson, Mrs D. Logan, Mr Alexander Honeyman, Mr Janes Honeyman, Mr and Mrs J. McPherson, Mr and Mrs J. McPherson, Mr and Mrs J. Keir, Mrs J. Davenport

Lady Nugeni, the Hon William Douglas Home and Baroness Dacre, Mr and Mrs John Stevens, Mrs Cruick-shank, Mr Martin Jickner, Mr Robert Flemyng, Mr Anthony Holand, Mr David Eltot, Mr Nigel Fairfok Mr Michael Danison and Miss Dukte Gray,

Major Arthur Jacobson, of Binfield. Berkshire, left estate valued at £113,959 net. He left £60,000 to his housekeeper. Mrs P. Martiner. Other estates include (net. before tax paid):

Science report

Mr. M. Macdonald

Dr J. J. Dixey
and Miss D. C. Fanshawe
The engagement is announced
between Jeremy John, youngest
son of Dr and Mrs J. R. B. Dixey,
of Elm Lodge, Streatley, Berkshire, and Diana Claire, daughter
of the late Commander R. H.
Fanshawe, Royal Navy, and Mrs
Fanshawe, Royal Navy, and Mrs
Fanshawe, Core Cleamore House,
Churt, Surrey.

Forthcoming

marriages

whole matter was referred to the 43 diocesan synods.
Had those taken a strong line in favour of the commission on the main point, it was at least possible that the General Synod would reverse its policy, particularly as elections for a new synod manufacturing as a second synonymous The rule forbidding the remarriage

membership were due.

The standing committee considered that voting in the diocesan synods revealed an equal split, and it may also have taken into account the general view that the elections had not produced a less conservative synod, probably the opposite.

opposite.

Nevertheless, the diocesan synods did disclose some dissatisfaction with the present rules on divorce, particularly the automatic

divorce, particularly the automatic exclusion from communion of divorced persons who remarried. That is one of the surviving recommendations of the marriage commission, which are now to come before the synod for debate in the shape of a proposal to drop the requirement that readmission to Communion after divorce and remarriage can be authorized only by a bishop. It would leave it to the judgment of the parish clergy, with the presumption that there would be no difficulty, except in notorious cases. notorious cases.

The standing committee is also to ask the synod to agree that

Mr M, R. Elsom and Miss A. S. Bagshawe The engagement is announced be-tween Michael Robert, only son of Dr and Mrs Elsom, now of Lyme Regis, Dorset, and Albinia Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bagshawe, of Sandon, Stafford

Mr D. F. Fletcher and Miss J. K. Bethell The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs L. Fletcher, of Hafod, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hampshire, and Jane,

youngest daughter of Captain R. K. S. Berhell, Royal Navy, and Mrs Berhell, of Imberdown, Liss, Hampshire.

Mr A. L. Gold and Miss M. J. Knorpel
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Gold, of 19 Manor Road. Cheam. Surrey. and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Knorpel, of 32 Sunnybank, Epsom, Surrey.

and Phiss S. R. Baker
The engagement is adnounced
between Christopher, only son of
Dr and Mrs R. Miller, of Clapham, Bedfordshire, and Sally,
only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.
C. Baker, of Waresley, Sandy,
Bedfordshire.

Mr M. M. Nicholson and Miss L. I. Smart
The engagement is announced between Howard, son of Mr and Mrs John R. Nicholson, of 10 Slyne Road, Lancaster, and Luisabel, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs Nician Smart, of Westbourne House, Westbourne Road, Lancaster. The marriage will take plate in the summer.

Mr H. W. G. Patterson and Miss P. A. Colbatch Clark The engagement is announced between Hugh, elder son of Major - General and Mrs A. G.

Patterson, of Burnt House, Beneuden, Kent, and Philippa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Colstant Clark, of Badoage Court, Canon Pyon, Herefordshire.

Mr T. C. Sheridan
and Mile M.-H. Rey Marechal
The engagement is announced
between Timothy Carlton, only
son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Sheridan, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and Marie-Hélène, elder
daughter of M and Mme Guy Rey
Maréchal, of Manosque, HauteProvence.

and Alies D. C. Franks
The engagement is announced

Mr E. Gethin James and Mrs M. G. B. Hollis

Mr C. G. Miller and Miss S. R. Baker

Ban on remarriage of divorced people is likely to stay after the register office remarriage of a divorced person, should be

Decision that Church of England will not reexamine issue this month ends hope of a change

continued.

If that is carried, it is expected that a formal service will be published for use on such occasions, clearing up some of the ambiguity that has been attached to such services in the past. The complaint was made that those services were sometimes almost indistinguishable from a marriage. from a marriage.

The synod will also be asked to

relax the rules that virtually forbid the ordination of a divorced man and prevent a divorced dergyman from continuing in the parish ministry. The bishop would be given much more discretion to judge cases on their merits, as has already begun to happen unofficially.

The synod, which will face

The synod, which will face those issues, starts its meeting on February 23 and has elsewhere on its agenda several other highly controversial issues on which opinion is about equally divided.

It will debate a neutral motion on homosexuality, taking note of a working party report that urged some relaxation of the church's traditional opposition to homosexuality. traditional opposition to homo-sexual behaviour, together with a more restrictive statement by the Board for Social Responsibility.

moves will make it impossible to interpret the debate as a shift in the church's position in any direc-tion, thus taking most of the heat out of an issue that has caused a great deal of upset on both sides. It will also have before it, in two forms, the issue of charch unity and the fate of the "covenant" which is proposed as a formal bond between the Church of England and the participating

of England and Free Churches.

It will be asked to set the height of its own hurdle; whether the final decision on the covenant two-thirds. should require a two-thirds majority, which is lower than the

majority, which is lower than the required majority for the Anglican-Methodist unity scheme 10 years ago. It will also debate the terms of the covenant itself.

Three specific propositions will have to receive clear majorities if the covenant is to survive this meeting of the synod, and the result is expected to be close.

The synod will have to say that it is satisfied with the proposals for incorporating provincial posals for incorporating provincial moderators of the United Reformed Church into the episcopate; whether it approves the machinery for bringing all priests and ministers into one ministry, thereby rendering them mutually

and whether the means proposed for dealing with the existence of woman ministers in the Free Churches are acceptable, given that the Church of England does not allow the ordination

The synod will not debate a private member's motion which was on the agenda last November, and which asked for revision of the Act of Settlement in respect of a marriage between an heir to The mover has withdrawn it to give time for the standing committee to prepare a report on the issue from the point of view of the Church of England.

Instead, it will debate a motion selcoming the visit of Pope John Paul II in 1982, expressing the hope that it will advance the unity of the Church of England with the Roman Cashelic Church Catholic Church.

Another private member's motion, which may not be reached, condemns the Government's British Nationality Bill as "racially divisive and socially inequitable": There may be a procedural more to give that motion priority.

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Mr Geoffrey Dyson OBE, ested in the application of who died yesterday at the age mechanical principles to analyon 66, was not only a highly sis of athletics techniques, now successful and spirited athletics coach, out also introduced a book The Machanics of new level of mechanical analysis Athletics, published in 1961 is into sport, both in this country, still regarded as a ccaching and overseas.

Geoffrey Harry George Dyson was born in Camberwell, South energy as an administrator and London on June 22, 1914, and lecturer, he also personally developed his first interest in coached some of Britain's leading sport at school. He ran away ing post-war athletes, including from bome at the age of 15, doing odd jobs and selling newspapers in London until enlisting in the Somerset Light
Infantry, in March, 1931.
Whilst in the Army he
learned his early coaching techlearned his learned his early coaching techlearned his learly coaching techlearned his learned hi

niques by attending the Amateur Athletic Association's Summer Schools from 1935 to 1937 at Loughborough College, whose permanent staff he joined as a lecturer in athletics in 1938. The following year, his own competitive career as a promising hurdler was abruptly ended when he was classed as a professional by the AAA because his job contravened the amateur rules of the day.

During the war, he saw service in Gibraltar, France, East Africa and Italy, reaching the rank of major, and organizing physical training, and athlerics for the troops.
. He returned to Loughborough

He returned to Loughborough College after the war, but in 1947, was appointed to the new position of chief national coach to the AAA. He held this position for 14 years, often crossing swords with the administrators, until his resignation in 1961. The post was discontinued afterwards. continued afterwards. Even in his earliest days, Dyson was particularly inter-

their inspiration.

In 1962 he lectured at the International Olympic Academy in Greece, and as recently as July, 1979, returned to talk on the subject "Forty years on: some thoughts on coaching and derelopment ".

known as biomechanics, and his

In addition to his boundless.

energy as an administrator and

ing post-war athletes, including

the 1948 Olympic 80 metres

and John Disley (steeplechase);

as well as Commonwealth cham-pions Geoffrey Elliott (pole yault) and John Savidge (shot

chief national coach, Dyson went to work in Canada as an

athletics training director, but later returned to this country as Director of Physical Educa-

tion at Winchester College. His

kept him in demand as a lec-turer, although he kept out of

the arhletics limelight on his return. Many of today's senior coaches, in athletics and other sports, acknowledge him as

world wide coaching renown

On his resignation as AAA

Dyson was sppointed OBE last year, His wife died in 1974 after a long illness, at the age of 45,

GENERAL SIR WILLIAM SCOTTER

General Sir William Scotter, Southern Command, and on the

KCB. OBE, MC, who was Commander Northern Army Group and C-in-C Brirish Army of the Rhine from 1978 to 1980, died yesterday at the age of 58. Last June he had been appointed to succeed General Sir Jack Har-man as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander at SHAPE, from this April.

- William Norman Ray Scotter William Norman Ray Scotter was born on February 9, 1922, the son of the late C. N. Scotter of Carlisle, and was educated at St Bees School. He joined the Indian Army in 1942 and was commissioned in the 7th Gurkha Rifles, with which regiment he served in Burma where he was awarded the MC. he was awarded the MC.

More fortunate than most of his contemporaries in the Indian Army who on Independ-ence were posted to the Royal Artillery or Logistics Corps in the British Army, Scotter was posted to a regiment of his own Arm, the Border Regiment, in 1946. In 1943, however, he re-turned, to the Gurkhas for a three years' attachment, serving

in Maisya with the 1/2nd Gurkha Rifles from 1948-51; After artending the Joint Services Staff College in 1959 he served for two years as an instructor at the Staff College at Camberley where he made his mark as a forthright and ment, going on in 1967 to command an infantry brigade.

reorganization of the Army's Home Commands in 1972 Scotter became the first Chief of Staff at Headquarters United Kingdom Land Forces where he played an important part in making the reorganization a success.

He was Director of Military Operations from 1972-75, con-cerned principally with the pro-blem of Northern Ireland, and the experience gained in that appointment, coupled with his stready high reputation in Whiteball, ensured his selection in 1975 for the post of VCGS and promotion to Lieutenant-General. In 1978 he was appointed C-in-C in Germany in the rank of General.

Bill Scotter was a practical soldier of wide experience and no frills. He eschewed showmanship and flamboyance of any kind and was the more respected in the Army as a result. An enthusiastic "Keep Fit" supporter. be played most games and firmly believed that others should do the same; it was appropriate that in 1976 he should have been appointed Colonel Commandant of the Army Physical Training Corps, and in 1976 elected President of the Army Rugby Football Union. He was appointed Colonel of his Regiment in

Scotter had a keen mind clearly destined to go far in and he had a very high sense the army: In 1965 he was appointed to command 1st Bn stonal but always remained king's Own Royal Border Regimodest It was typical of him modest It was typical of him to list among his hobbies that of sawing logs.

Promoted Major-General in 1970. Scotter was Chief of Staff to Field Marshal Lord. Carver had one son and two daughters.

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BRIGADIER A. A. CROOK

Mr Morris Benett writes: Veterans of the 1st Army in force that came so close to capthe North African Campaign of turing Tunis in December that 1942-43 will learn with regret of the death of Brigadier Arthur Ainslie Crook, DSO, at the age who served under him.

father was Academy Sergean.

Major, was commissioned into He later served as an automation the Artillery on September 20, to the Greek Army as military attache in Bangkok; and in the was promoted France: He later transferred to The Northamptonshire Regiment and was given command of the 5th (Territorial) Battalion before that unit of 78th Division.

After Tunis fell in May, 1943, Crook, born on October 2, he was posted to Burma where 1899, at: Sandhurst, where his he commanded a brigade with father was Academy Sergeant great distinction.

Major, was commissioned into He later served as an adviser

Cyprus. He was promoted brigadier in 1952 and retired the following year. Since December, 1963, he had been a Military Knight of Windsor. He leaves a widow, a son and

left Britain in October, 1942. He leaves Crook's battalion was among a daughter.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, Feb 6, 1956

Malta, Feb 5.—The Archbishop of Malta has asked the Governor to ask Mr Mintoff, the Prime Minister, to postpone the referendum which is due to take place on Saturday and Sunday on the integration of Malta with the United Vingdom and in premium and in premium and in the process. Kingdom and in particular on the proposal that three Maltese members of Parliament should be

members of Parliament should be sent to Westminster . Mgr. Gonzi's reason is that he is not yet satisfied with the assurances and guarantees given to him and to the Valican by the British Government and the parliamentary leaders of both sides at Westminster about the position and privileges that the Roman Catholic Church will enjoy in Malta if the integration proposals are carried out . . the Arch bishop's proposal brings into the open what has become increasingly evident during the past few days: that the church authorities are most concerned about how a Maltese Government under Mr Mintoff might affect the privileged position of the church in the island.

Today's engagements Lectures: London's River: Black-

Lectures: London's River: Blackwall frigates, Alan Perksall, Museum of London, London Wall, 1.10. Memories of 30 years in Eastcheap, Mr E. J. Sweeney, St Margaret Pattens, 1.10. The Sublime Imagination: Martin and Danby, Sarah Reid, Tate Gallery, 1. Psychical research, Datid Lowe, City Circle, Conway Hall, Red Lion, Square, 7.30. Exhibition: Weaving, Peter Collingwood, Crafts Council Gallery, 12 Waterloo Place, Lower Regent Street, 10-5.30. Ruth Harris, weaving, British Crafts Centre, 43 Earlham Street, Covent Garden, 10 5. Lunchtime music: Organ; St.

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BSC, WRAF,
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more general survey
Survey work for the National
will be cerried out by the City
University and by the market research company, Marplan; the
cost of the university's work will
be met by a charitable donation
and that of Marplan will be paid
for partly by Capital Radio.
Capital said it was helping as
part of its support for the area in

part of its support for the arts in London. Marpian intends to obtain some of its information through

discussion groups of audience members, and Capital will record them for possible broadcasting.

Air Marshal Sir John Gingelt, Air Officer Commanding-to-Chief, RAF Support Command, and officers of Brampton Park Officers' Mess, RAF Brampton, held a dinner last night, Group Captain C. G. H. Pierce presided, Air Vice Marshal E. C. Dunn, Air Officer Maintenante, RAF Support Command, was the principal guest.

Society of Apothecaries of London

The Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London, Mr. Goy Blackburn, and the Junion Warden, Dr. T. D. Whittet, entertained members and guests of the society at dinner at Apothecaries' Hall yesterday. Those present included:

yesterday, I BOSE PRESENT MCUNGE: Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, Protessof Sir Hans Kornboro, Sir Poler Maneleld, Sir Lindsay Ring, Mr. W. A. Ulark, Mr. Ric. Throxel, Mr. Henry Thompson, Mr. R. de Vere, Dr. P. H. Willows, Mr. J. Blaxland, Protessor A. J. Blaxland, Protessor A. J. D. Mg. Mr. J. R. Stewart, D. J. W. Collings, Mr. J. B. Markie, Protessor A. Crise, Mr. G. A. Hart and Judge Wild.

Lord Vestey and the High Com-missioner for Australia were guest speakers at the annual dinner of the Institute of Refrigeration held at Grosvenor House yesterday Mr J. J. Wilson, president of the institute was in the chair.

The High Commissioner for Canada, Mr E. W. Hall. Professor G. G. Haselden, Mr R. H. Hemmings, Mr B. Hildrew and Mr L. D. Trenchard were among the

The monthly dinner of the Anchorites was held last night at the Café Royal, under the presidency of Mr F, M. Everard. The

principal guest was Mr D. B. Kimber, president of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects.

Anchorites

Institute of Refrigeration

the principal guest.

Dinners .

Brampton, Park Officers' Mess

more general survey

Daniel Barenboim rehearsing with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Festival Hall in London yesterday for the first of three concerts commemorating his London debut with the orchestra.

Broadway musical coming to West End By Our Theatre Reporter Four West End openings were announced yesterday, offering Bonnie Langford and Sarah long period; the Society of West End Theatre is also starting a

theatregoers two new musicals, a transfer from a suburban theatre and a one-man show.

The Broadway musical play I'm Getting My Act Together, and Taking It on the Road, by Gret-chen Cryer and Namy Ford, will

between lan, eldest son of Mrs D. Sinclair and the late Mr P. Sin-clair, of London, and Danielle, only daughter of Dr and Mrs H. L. Franks, of Newcastle upon Tyne. open at the Apollo Theatre on March 31, with Diane Langton and Ben Cross leading the cast. The show has been running in New York since May, 1978. The marriage took place quiety at Aldershot on January 31 be-tween Mr Cethin James and Mrs

York since May, 1978.

Cas, the latest musical by
Andrew Lloyd Webber, using
lyrics by T. S. Ellot, will receive
its premiere at the New London
Theatre on April 30. It is directed.

Latest appointments

nominated for

Sir Gordon Slynn

Luxembourg post

Brightman.

Noel Coward's Present Laughter, with Donald Sinden in the leading role; will transfer from the Greenwich Theatre to the Vaudeville, opening there on March 17, and Max Wall will present his one-man show. Aspects of Mor Wall, at the Garrick Theatre from Feb-rusry 16 for four weeks. Audience survey: The National Theatre has commissioned a two-

year survey to find out the struc-ture of its audiences, their attitude to visiting the theatre and their response to the services provided. The National said it was the

Luncheons

Lord Greenhill of Harrow Lord Greenhill of Harrow gave a luncheon at the House of Lords

luncheon at the House of Lords on Wednesday to commemorate the first 10 years of GAP Activity Projects. Mr Peter Willey, charman, spoke of the progress made by GAP in the past and of his hopes for its future expansion. Lord Carrington, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, congratulated GAP on its achievements and in commending most warmly its work for young people wished it well in its future activities.

Butchers' Company The Master of the Butchers' Company, Mr David Cornell presided at a court luncheon held at Butchers Hall yesterday. The toast of the guests was proposed by Mr-Timothy Denham-Smith and Lieutenant-Colonel U. Corbett, president of the British Poultry Federation, replied. National Maritime Museum

The Hon Anthony Cayzer, chairman of the trustees, and Dr Basil Greenhill, director, eatertained the following guests at luncheon at the National Marktime Museum yester-

uay: Lord Hunt, Sir. David Hunt and Sir Kenneth Clucas, Permanent Secretary, Department of Trado. Service dinners

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 A dinner was held vesterday by the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 Royal Navy Club of 1755 and 1785 at the Army and Navy Club to celebrate Founders' Day and to entertain members of the Admiral Str David Williams presided and the guests of the evening were:

Viscount Trenchard Mr Kelth Speed, MP, Admiral Str Henry Leach, Admiral Str David William Str Deach, Admiral Str Desmond Cassid, Vice-Admiral Str John Fleidhouse Vice-Admiral Str William Pilar, Vice-Admiral W. D. M. Staveley, Str Arthur Hockaday, Str John Charmey, Mr A. A. Pilchard and Lieutenant Commander P. C. Suther, RN.

RAF officers graduate

Air Vice-Marshal D. P. Hall, Air Criticer Commanding No 38 Group Strike Command, was the review-ing officer when 116 officers of No 48 Initial Officers Training No 48 Initial Officers Training Course graduated from Royal Air Force College Cranwell yesterday. The sword of inerit was awarded to Flying Officer G. J. Davey, BSC, and the sash of merit to Pilot Officer G. E. Larkin, WRAF. The Hennessy Trophy and Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize were awarded to Flying Officer R. Saver and the Alasdair Black Memorial Trophy was awarded to Pilot Officer M. T. Doel, BEd. The British Aircraft Corporation Trophy was awarded Corporation Trophy was awarded to Pilot Officer N. Collins Bent. The following officers gradu-

ing offirers P. G. Carr. BSc. G. J.
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chicarion: Firing Officer S. J. Ross SEd. SECURITY BRANCH (Preiment) Acting plot officers J. F. Sarler and D. A. K. Williams.

Zoology: Insects that use toxin to kill

Latest wills

An oak log and a stump of elder-berry in Gates Canyon, Northern California, have revealed a rela-tionship not seen before in the insect world. As a result of insect world. As a result of observations made on thuse pieces of wood, Dr J. B. Johnson and Dr K. S. Hagen, of the division of biological control of the University of California, Berkeley, have been able to demonstrate how an insect larva feeds on termites after killing them with a toxin. Although insects which share a termite nest are well known, as are those which produce defensive torac substances,

The larva in question, relatives had already been suspected of having a relationship natural surroundings in colonies with some kind of prey, living in the confined habitat of an ant ratory. Larvae of L latipennis nest or termite gallery, but it was behaved much like other insects the log and the stump that which share a termite colony, readled Dr. Johnson and Dr. moving freely among the termites enabled Dr Johnson and Dr moving freely among the termites Hagen finally to identify the preying their galleries. The unique being June, 1979, they found a haviour began when the larvae on the oak log, which was infested with the termite Reticulations hesperus. When they log and the stump that led Dr Johnson and Dr

no others are known that use a

toxin to kill prey.

chopped it open, the log contained a well fed larva. Then, in June, 1980, an adult L. latipennis emerged from the elderberry stump, which had been taken into their laboratory a month previously as a source of R. hesperus. They found no evidence of L. latipenus anywhere near colonies of the two where near colonies of the two other species of termites known in northern California. Dr Johnson and Dr Hagen then

examined the relationship more closely. They collected some adult females, which deposited their eggs in the laboratory. When the eggs had hatched, the larvae were kept individually in glass phials and fed with one of the three species of north Californian ter-The larva in question, mite. Only larvae given R hes-Lomanyna latipenms, one of the perus developed successfully. Neuroptera, and some of its close. That confirmed the relationship,

many other insects that produce volatile substances for defence or sexual attraction. Dr Johnson and Dr Hagen believe it is likely that the toxin of L latipernis has evolved from a defensive substance which was recessary for recognizing which was necessary for protection in the early stages of its relation-ship with R hesperus. Source: Nature, February 5 (vol. 289. p 506) 1981.

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termite's face. After one to three minutes the termite was incapacitated. A few minutes later it
stopped moving and the larva
started to eat.

To verify that no contact was
necessary between the attacking
larva and the termite, Dr Johnson
and Dr Hagen prepared a glass

Brownlow. Mr John Eason.

phial divided down the middle by filter paper. In one compartment they put a larva and a termite and in the other they put a termite in the other they put a termite alone. In 10 tests the lone termite was invariably incapacitated within a few munutes of the attack by the larva in the other compart ment. A second, similar experi ment gave equivalent results, showing that the larva produced its toxin in the form of a gas or In that respect it resembles the

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Sir Gordon Stynn, who has neen nominated as an AdvocateGeneral to the European Court of
Justice in Laxembourg. He succeeds Mr Jean-Pierre Warner, QC,
who has been appointed a High
Court Judge and returns to
England. England.

England.

Sir Gordon, aged 49, is at present President of the Employment Appeal Tribunal. He has been a High Court judge since 1976, and is widely regarded as one of the most able judges of his generation.

An Advocate-General to the EEC Court has the same course.

An Advocate-General to the EEC Court has the same status and salary as a judge of that court. It is his task to guide the judges on the issues raised in cases before the court, and to reach a conclusion on the result. The judges of the court are not obliged to follow his advice, but senerally do so. generally do so. Sir Gordon's wife is French, and he speaks the language fluently. Other appointments include: Mr Norman Macfarlane and Mr William Mackay to be members of the Royal Fine Art Commis-sion for Scotland in succession to Mr Alan Reiach and Professor Alan Thompson. Mr H. P. Stone to be President

Correction

of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors.

Mr John Miller is to be head of features and educational pro-grammes at TV South, not the BBC's Open University Productions as stated on Wednesday.

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Oil traders move into the City, page 19

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- INBRIER

Metro takes 8pc of January car sales

BL sold about 24,500 cars in the United Kingdom last month to capture almost 18 per cent of the market. The state-owned or the market. The state-owned group's performance, which compares with a market share of 15 per cent in the same month last year, has been boosted by the continued success of the Metro, which took eight per cent of sales.

Industry figures due to be published in the next few days will show that January sales were 136,000 compared with 159,108 a year earlier. Current forecasts are that the total 1981 new car market will decline by six per cent to 1,420,000.

Fears that pent up demand for Japanese cars would result in a 20 per cent market pene-tration in January after the brake on sales at the end of last year have proved unfounded. Japanese cars took about 12 per cent of sales, a level that the British industry will expect to fall to around nine per cent for the whole year.

Ford held its position at the top of the car sales league with a market share of about 32 per cent. down from 34.7 per cent in December. Total imports rose from a share of 44 per cent in December to 53 per

Italian steel notices

Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister. predicted an oil glut in 1982, with prices " floating at a lower plus would be very sizable if Iran and Iraq ended hostilities. Saudi promise, page 18

Coordination plea

Viscount Etienne Davignon, the EEC Industry Commis-sioner, has called for coordinated policies to help the Community catch up with Japan in technological development. The only alternative would be more protectionism, he added.

Oil glut prediction

The EEC has given the Italian Government 10 days to ensure import access to Community steel. Failure to comply would lead to Italy being brought be-fore the European Court of

Strike rejected

A. CROOK

la contracting agen-

Workers at Smiths Industries have rejected a move by union leaders to strike as a result of the company's plans for 270 redundancies at Witney, Oxford.

Banking talks

The Federation of London Clearing Bank Employers has opened negotiations with the two unions in the industry on its plans for new negotiating and disputes procedures.

Chrysler compromise Top officials of Chrysler Canada have been asked to meet Mr Herb Gray, Industries Minister, in an effort to reach a final compromise on the original accord between the

two sides.

Wall Street higher The Dow Jones industrial average closed 4.78 points up to 946.76. The S-SDR was 1.24405. The f was 0.527811.

EEC steelmakers NatWest negotiate voluntary output restraints

From Peter Norman Brussels, Feb 5

Dr Dieter Spethmann, the managing board chairman of Thyssen, West Germany's largest steel group, has disclosed that the steelmakers of the 10 EEC member states are ng intensive negoria-on a new voluntary ment to replace the European Commission's present system of mandatory production

He told a press conference in Düsseldorf that his company was a determined supporter of a return to the voluntary system of production restraint.

But in a significant softening of the hostile attitude adopted by West German industry towards the Commission regime, Dr Spethmann said that on the grounds of "political commonsense", the present EEC system should only end as planned on June 30 if there was a voluntary agreement ready to replace it.

Thyssen is the first West German group to hold a big press conference since the introduction of the steel quota mechanism towards the end of last year, and Dr Spethmann's remarks carry extra weight because he is the leading

figure in the German Iron and Steel Industry Association.

Mandatory production quotas under Article 58 of the European Coal and Steel Community Treaty have enabled the Thyssen group to raise its

Dr. Spethmann disclosed that Dr. Spetimann disclosed that contracts signed in the present quarter, reflected an average increase in prices of 30 Deutsche marks (about £6) a tonne-since the last quarter of 1980, when the present phase of the steel crisis was at its worst. Further price increases averaging

crisis was at its worst, Further price increases averaging around DM30 per tonne are expected on April 1.

But even after these increases, steel prices in the EEC were well below the domestic prices charged on the United States and Japanese markets, he said. he said.

Peter Hill writes: British Steel Corporation and the pri-vate sector steelmakers have doubts on thhe ability of the European ludustry to racch a basis for a comprehensive vol-untary regime of controls. The present target date is April 30 for reaching agreement but within the United Kingdom industry steelmen believe that the most likely outcome is an extension of the cristing measures.

Financial Editor, page 19

Talks fail to resolve **Duport steel crisis**

Industrial Editor

group, remained unresolved last night after a day of talks between senior executives of the company, the British Steel Corporation, and Midland Bank, Duport's bankers.

Speculation over the group's future continued and in the absence of an expected statement from Mr Eric Sayers, the Duport chairman, shares in the company fell back to 7p, their lowest level

statement would the appropriate time .

The renewed talks with the corporation followed a meeting The crisis at Duport, the earlier this week between Mr Midlands steel and engineering Sayers and Sir Keith Joseph, Sayers and Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Industry, over the difficulties faced by the group. It recorded a loss of £4.5m in the first half of last year which has risen in the second half because of the elide in demand for social slide in demand for steel.

Duport is among a group of companies engaged in the production of engineering steels which have been involved in government-promoted discussions on the rationalization of the sector. The sim is to reduce The company said that discus-sions with the steel corporation the high level of overcapacity and the Department of Industry through a joint venture with the were continuing and that a steel corporation which is a leading supplier of products for the same markets. . . . by Hill Samuel.

considers **BPC** rescue deal

By Richard Allen National Westminster, banker of BPC the beleaguered printing and publishing group, confirmed last night that it was considering rescue proposals involving Mr Robert Maxwell, head of

Pergamon Press.

In a brief statement it said: The bank is undertaking a review of the company's finan-cial position with the assistance of Coopers & Lybrand, the com-

rany's auditors.

"This review will include consideration of proposals which have this week been presented jointly by the company and by Pergamon to the bank."

ther statement would be made shortly and that in the mean-time "the bank is continuing its support on the existing

The Pergamon group is proposing to inject as much as £10m in return for a controlling stake in BPC. But the deal is understood to be dependent on NatWest agreeing to forgo certain rights on a substantial part of loans to the group of more than £25m.

Other options being offered to NatWest under the rescue package drawn up by Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, and Pergamon's advisers, include write offs or conversion of debts into equity.

The controversial package

will also require support from BPC's shareholders and bolders of about £8m of loan stock who will be asked to convert into ordinary shares.

Directors of the troubled group met secretly yesterday

and executives were unavail-able for comment last night. BPC, hit by labour troubles and general recession, first sounded the alarm about its financial difficulties when it disclosed a f6.5m interim loss last year. Its total debts at the end of last year were more than £40m.

Mr Maxwell built up a 29.5 per cent stake in the group with the help of a "dawn raid" on the stock market last July. The board complained about Mr Maxwell's perchase to the Office of Fair Trading but a monopolies commission reference was abandoned.

Although initially the BPC

board sought alternative solutions to the group's problems, it became clear two weeks ago that it had reached a truce with Mr Maxwell, and joint discus-

Last week Hambros, BPC's

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Meanwhile; investors keen to by Hill Samuel

2,000 jobs go in vehicle industry

By Our Industrial Staff

In a restructuring operation which is a direct reaction to dwindling markets and increased competition from imports, Seddon Atkinson, the heavy truck manufacturer owned by International Har-vester of America is to cut its labour force in Britain by

nearly 45 per cent. It means the loss of \$10 jobs, all of them in the north west, region that has already suffered the loss of more than

100,000 jobs in the past year. The company says one factor in their decision is the Govern-menrs proposal to reduce the

temporary employment premium next month. Seddon Atkinson plans to close its assembly plant at Walton-le-Dale near Preston with the loss of 427 jobs and

to concentrate production on its headquarters plant at Oldham, Lancashire. However, another 260 jobs will go at Oldham and 73 more will be lost at the parts distri-bution centre at Bamber Bridge,

also near Preston. Mr Bob Johnson, managing director, said the company made a significant loss in the six months up to October last year and trading losses had

continued during November, and December..

GKN Sankey, a leading supplier of truck wheels, chassis and cabs, said yesterday that 1,241 employees, including 330 staff, would lose their jobs at

Telford, Shropshire, and Bilston West Midlands. This is the third cut back by the company in four months. In October, 6,444 jobs went followed by 130 in November.

Linwood fears: MPs concerned about the future of French-owned Talbot UK now fear the company may close its Linwood assembly plant in Scotland after the announcement from Nissan of Japan that it wants to build big car factory in the United a big car ractory in Townsend Kingdom, Edward Townsend

Peugeot, Talbor's owner, has made no public comment on the prospects for the Linwood operation, which employs 4,800 workers, but opinion in White-hall is that closure is a strong

possibility. It is believed that competi-It is beneved that competi-tion from Nissan, which plans to build 200,000 cars a year in the United Kingdom by 1986, will force Peugeot to abandon much of the United Kingdom activity and concentrate on pro-ducing new models at its French factories where there is considerable under-used capa-city.

Mr. Leslie Huckfield, an Opposition spokesman on industry and one of eight MPs who had talks with ministers yesterday said: "We learned nothing new but from the way in which ministers were saying that both Peugeor and Nissan would to some extent have to take each others plans for the future into account, I am still very gloomy about the ultimate outcome for Talbot UK."

Norman Tebbir, the Industry Ministers, and Mr Georga Younger, the Scottish Secretary, a turnout which indicates the

that such a move would have an "adverse effect on pension funds and the like". serious view being taken by the no serious opposition to the part denationalization among Government Sir Keith is to meet the Peugeoat management the company's 79,000 em-ployees. Sir Austin hoped that to discuss the future of Talbot the group's relationship with the Government would develop Should the Linwood plant be closed, the Government will have to decide whether to claim along the same lines as EP's.

immediate repayment of a £28m loan made by the last administration as part of the 1976 Chrysler rescue and due to be repaid between 1985 and 1990. United States import fears The American car industry's sales are sharply down and this is increasing pressures on the Reagan Administration to take action to restrict Japanese car imports, Frank Vogl writes. New car sales by Detroit companies in the final 10 days of Insurance ward 26 per cent January were 26 per cent below the comparable 1980 Ford expansion: The Ford

Motor Company is to spend billions of francs over the next few years to modernize its nbly plant at Genk, Bel-

said the Genk facility would be producing the new Toni model. In a statement, Ford vigorously denied as absurd a suggestion in a Belgian newspaper that it might not invest the money if a Japanese producer is allowed to buy the British Leyland plant at Seneffe, which is closing the a loss of 2,200 jobs.

Grants plan to avert miners' clash

By Nicholas Hirst

Energy Correspondent

Energy ministers plan to head off a confrontation with the miners over pit closures by increasing the amount of social grants payable to the National Coal Board to ease redundancy costs.

But the plan, which would involve raising government aid to the coal industry, has yet to be sanctioned by the Treasury and agreed by the Cabinet.

The National Coal Board, hard hit by the recession and keen international pricing competition is to outline plans to cut its costs to leaders of the National

cut its costs to leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers on Tuesday.

Under a stringent financial strategy introduced by the Conservative Administration in the Coal Act, passed last year, the coal board must break even, excluding grants made for social reasons, by 1983-84.

Coal board leaders are believed to think that the only way this can be done is to accelerate the closure of uneconomic pits. accelerate the closure of uneconomic pits.

Just under a tenth of coal output is thought to be from pits losing a total of

100m a year.
Tuesday's announcement is expected to
put stark options before the miners, who
will either have to agree to more pit

closures and increased redundancies or face a sharp curback in the investment programme of £600m a year, originally outlined in the Plan for Coal of 1974.

Miners' leaders believe the board is considering closing 25 pits. Next Tuesday's message, however, is unlikely to include either the number or the locations of mines which may be closed.

The union and the NCB have a joint

review procedure for pit closures and the board is certain to want to continue with this procedure to maintain goodwill.

But unless the board is given additional help, it could not afford to make the

redundancy payments on an accelerated pit. closure programme and leave its investment intact without breaking its external financing limits and missing the targets of the Coal Act. The Department of Energy, is keen that the board should proceed as was originally planned in 1974 with new investment which

will sharply lower production costs, enabling it either to sell profitably abroad or fight off imports now running at seven million tonnes a year.

Social grants are payable under the Coal Act to ease the board's redundancy com-mitments and payments to miners to

alleviate the cost of transferring from one

area to another. In many instances they do not cover the full cost of any payments and a substantial restructuring of the grants would need new legislation. Depart. of Energy officials do not believe that a Hill would need to be presented immediately.

Some coal board officials believe that Some coal board officials believe that the recession has made the strategy in the Coal Act so unworkable that it ought to be scrapped. The energy department, however, is determined to persevere with it. Ministers do not accept that the recession is the only reason the board has run into a cash crisis and show the board is only a cash crisis, and that the board is only now facing the decisions it should have

taken some time ago. Rather than keep uneconomic pits going by covering the deficit that would be bound continue, energy ministers would prefer to alleviate the cost of increased redun-dancy on favourable terms. Neither the board's plan nor the Government's help will be sold easily to the miners.

Yorkshire miners have already voted to give their leaders permission to call industrial action to fight pit closures for any reason other than an exhaustion of coal seams and with unemployment con-tinuing to rise, an attack on miners' jobs is bound to raise a political squabble

on electronic

Management Correspondent The Post Office is aiming to extend its letter monopoly to

cover electronic mail. Mr Ron Dearing, chairman of the Post Office, said yesterday that he

would press for changes in legislation at committee stage in

Parliament to give the postal

service the same exclusive privi-

leges to handle "bard copy" transmitted electronically as it

already has for ordinary letters.

Mr Dearing was inaugurating an extension of the prestige Intelpost electronic mail scr-

vice, where facsimiles of docu-

ments can be transmitted be-tween post offices in 18 towns within the United Kingdom as well as to Canada, Holland and

mail

By Patricia Tisdall

Sterling firm as MLR is left unchanged

By Our Economics Staff

The Government's decision to leave the Bank of England's minimum lending rate un-changed yesterday left sterling little changed against most cur-rencies, although it fell back against a strengthening dollar during the afternoon.

Government stocks and shares lost part of the ground gained earlier in the week. Gilts closed with falls of as much as 25p among longer dated stocks, while the Finan-cial Times 30-share index finished 6.9 points down at

Market opinion on when MLR will now come down re-mains divided. Some City analysts are convinced that the Government has already made up its mind to keep any reduc-tion for Budget day on March 10 or soon after.

But with money market rates becoming only slightly firmer after yesterday's decision, there is still plenty of room for an MLR cut of at least one percentage point in terms of the traditional structure of relative traditional structure of relative

future Labour Government would renationalize the com-

pany, after the news that the Government is to sell up to 50

per cent of the shares, worth

Sir Austin Pearce, the chair-man, argued that a Labour

Cabinet would have more im-

portant matters on its mind and

He added that he had found

Small investors will also be

favoured if there is an over-subscription for the 100 million shares on offer when applica-

tions close next Friday. The

sale prospectus shows that

investors can apply for as little as 50 shares worth £75 at the

Lonrho, the international

trading group which has

launched a £158m cash bid for

the House of Fraser, yesterday

unveiled full-year pretax profits

up 52 per cent to a record level of £119.1m.

some stock market forecasts of as much as £135m, but the

group's shares gained ground,

closing Ip higher at 105p, after

Lonrho announced a surprise

increase in the final dividend,

lifting total payments for the

This outcome compared with

150p subscription price.

By Our Financial Staff

the banks to consider a reduc-tion in their base rates.

The fact that MLR did not move yesterday inevitably sparked some speculation that the January banking figures, to be published next Tuesday, may give a less encouraging view of monetary growth in January than many analysts have been prediction. predicting.

On active foreign exchange markets the MLR decision was widely discounted in advance. The announcement gave the pound a brief fillip but it drifted downwards during the afternoon as the dollar made headway against most leading A report from the Reuter

news agency that the Prime Minister was considering ways of bringing the exchange rate down may have contributed to the pound's decline against the

At the end of trading it was down 1.70 cents at \$2.3405, but its effective exchange rate against a basket of currencies was unchanged on Wednesday's close, reflecting gains on construction of the state of the stat short-term interest rates. There timental currencies. Against the progressive red is certainly a growing case for Deutschemark, sterling gained supply growth.

pany back fully into the public

Sir Austin stressed yesterday that Aerospace, even without

good profits record and a strong future.

finance director, thought that

despite the group's substantial need for funds to finance its

years, there were sufficient working capital requirements

for at least the next four years with £400m of borrowings arranged through the company's nine banks.

Sir Austin welcomed the Government's decision to float

off shares but said that the previous Labour government

had done the industry "a good

turn" in putting the country's

The Department of Industry confirmed that the costs of the

launch, including the City's

month before Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland's fast-moving group meets its shareholders seeking approval for its 150p a share bid for House of Fraser.

Announcing the figures yes-terday, Mr Rowland declared that the trading improvement was the result of the perform-

ance of the group's interests in

mining, agriculture and hotels.

These three areas of business

alone did well enough to over-come the effects of the general

Mr Rowland added that Lourho's balance speet, due to

be posted to shareholders next

week had also been consider-

recession", he said.

aerospace interests together.

Lonrho profits jump to record £119m

Mr Bernard Friend,

programme over the next

sector.



3.50 pfennigs to finish at DM 5.0250.

The dollar, which rose steadily over the day, was helped by news of fresh industrial grouple in Poland and by the decision of the German. the decision of the German Federal Bank to leave interest rates unchanged, both factors depressing the mark along with publication of Germany's 1980 balance of payments deficit.

The dollar gained further impetus in the afternoon after a warning by Mr Paul Vokcker, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, that interest rates could rise while tax and government spending cuts being implemented. He said that the Fed would be looking for

cover their positions by writing traded options for cash when dealings start in the next fort-

night. The Stock Exchange

options committee is under-stood to be rushing through details allowing the shares to be dealt on the traded options

Unpublished details: The pros-

pectus contains many hitherto unpublished details of both civil and military projects

(Arthur Reed writes). It indi-cates that the launthing costs

of the company's 146 airlines project will be between £300m and £350m, of which about 80 per cent will have been borne by 1984. BA had expended about £105m launching costs by December 31, 1980

by December 31, 1980.

The total market for this

type of aircraft (between 70-100 seats) was estimated at

1,200 between 1980 and 1985,

and the group believed that the 146 had "a reasonable pros-pect" of achieving at least 30

balances totalled £108m at the year-end.

Operating profits from the

group's mining operations rose from £26m to £63m boosted by

higher production and the higher gold price, while agricul-

tural profits rose to £13m helped by increased output and

a boom in the sugar price to-wards the end of the year. In the United Kingdom, the group said that despite the fact that its Hadfields steelmaking, subsidiary had "suffered sub-stantially". engineering and

stantially", engineering and steel processing companies still contributed something to pro-

per cent of that market.

A critical element in growth is the speedy introduction of a much larger network, which would enable the Post Office to sort and convey electroni cally such items as invoices and progressive reductions in money advertising material between centres using hand deliveries only for the final few miles. Aerospace share fears allayed The Post Office is expected

the United States.

to argue that an extension of the monopoly could not only speed up the introduction of Intelpost but also safeguard the long-term future of the postal It will point out that the

Telecommunications Bill gives the Secretary of State for Industry wide powers to withdraw the monopoly if standards fall below acceptable levels. Mr Dearing said yesterday he

was disappointed that he had not yet convinced the Govern-The Bill at present permits the Post Office to offer an electronic mail service but

specifically excludes it from the monopoly. Clause 53 (5) of the Bill, which defines a letter, Bill, which defines a letter, explicitly excludes communica-tions which have been "transmitted by means of telecommunication system".

When the Post Office language the first Intelpost link between London and Toronto last June it pioneered the first international electronic mail service available to the public. However, there are many

privately owned facsimile net-works operated by companies and these are expected to grow significantly with the introduction of theaper, quicker and more reliable new equipment. Despite intensive marketing.

including advertisements on local commercial radio, it is understood that little use has been made of the public service so far. The Post Office would not

give volume figures because it said these would take at least a year to establish.

The Post Office is meanwhile looking to business within the United Kingdom where links have been established between London, Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Leicester, Nottingham: Leeds, Newcastle, Slough Sheffield, Belfast, Liverpool, Manchester, Preston, Edin-burgh, Glasgow, Southampton Financial Editor page 19 and Cardiff.

year by 36.6 per cent to 14.3p ably strengthened during the Yesterday's talks were attended by Sir Keith Joseph, Secre-European concern, page 18 | The results come exactly a year. Assets employed have

New techniques mean coatings for everything from poultry to cakes

PRICE CHANGES Rises Aquascutum 'A '3:p to 3:p ERF 5p to 52p Farnell Elec 5p to 3:4p ML Holdings Redfearn Nat

IDC Group Lee Cooper	7p to 63p 15p to 166p	Unitech 7p to 223p
Falls		
Bridon Brocknouse Diploma Duport	6p to 45p 43p to 301p 7p to 153p 20 to 7p	GEC 13p to 618p Gt Univ Stores 13p to 493p Lasmo 15p to 659p Mercantile Hse 10p to 620p Wholesale Fits 15p to 220p

10p to 490p THE POUND

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Australia S	2.07
Austria Sch	37.00
Belgium Fr	82.75
Canada S	2.87
Denniark Kr	15.90
Finland Mikk	9.83
France Fr	11.81
Germany DM	5.14
Greece Dr	119.00
Hongkong 5	12,65
Ireland Pd	1.38
Italy Lic	2480.00
Japan Yo	498.00
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An up-market image for the stale old crumb crumbs should mean that consumers will -not only get crumbs with almost everything

big opportunity for expansion. commercial market, negligible until the advent of fish fingers 25 years ago when most housewives made their own from dela their own from stale is now running at around 20,000 tonnes a year with T. Lucas, part of Dalgety Spillers, the market leader with a claimed 50 per cent market share. RHM is the other key

but give the crumb market,

dull for two years or more, a

crumb supplier. Lucas claims a pioneer move in crumb making with a range of novel coatings called the "creative crumb". The new-style crumbs, from

potato crunch and a homebaked crusty version of the traditional crumb, are expected by Lucas to be taking about a quarter of an expanded market within three years. Development work has already been started, with the

possibility of use not only on fish, seafood, poultry and meat, but on-or in-cakes, desserts and confectionery. Lucas's cookery experts have been trying to tempt the trade with ideas that run through a full menu from starters with

there were contamination prob-

crusty crumbs to petit fours with the exotic dash of the Traditionally, breadcrumbs were produced by drying and then grinding stale bread, but

quently were produced in an normal crumb, Lucas claim. automated 10-stage process.

The most up-market crumb of all, the Japanese, is produced by a 12 stage process demanded largely by much greater expansion of its dough. Lucas's breakthrough has

been achieved by a six-stage process involving extrusion replaces breadmaking procedures. That means greater raw material flexibility, a wider range of crumbs to attract consumers and a greater handling characteristics that give food manufacturers more Hexibility.

The new system uses less labour and energy than the intricate Japanese crumb pro-cess used in the United States and brings the cost of novelty

A new way of treating bread- a gournet Japanese crumb to lems. Crumb coatings subse- crumbs nearer to that of the

Crumbs can now be produced not only from wheatflour and potato flour bur also other cereals including maize. Rice has been a problem in the past because of its sticky qualities, but Lucas believe that can be overcome in the new process.

Even tomato could be used in making crumbs in the battle to get consumers to bite more into the novelty-coated foods. Then the British consumer, at the moment eating about threequarters of a pound of crumb coatings a year, might start to approach the United States average of three and a half pounds a year.

Derek Harris

£30m South Wales electronics plant will provide 1,000 jobs

Mitel Telecom, the Canadian Wales, in an area hit by the steel industry decline.

The company which specializes in electronic telephone and communications equipment is believed to be investing about £30m and plans to employ about 1,000 workers by the end of next year at Caldicot, Gwent, with the promise of more jobs in the future.

The decision, which was made at a board meeting in Ottawa, was welcomed by Mr Nicholas Edwards, the Secretary of State for Wales, and is seen as a big boost for new high technology industry in Wales.

The Mitel plant will be close electronics group, is to build to the government-backed a production plant in South Inmos microprocessor project at Newport which wil provide 1,000 jobs by 1983 at its first British manufacturing base.

Several weeks of talks have

taken place with the Welsh

Office and the Gwent County

Council to discuss financial

incentives in setting up on an

18-acre site. Mr Edwards said the project contribution

had "enormous importance and would make a substantial to offsetting employment problems caused by the rundown of British Steel's nearby Llanwern plant.



Saudis will maintain level of oil production

Sandi Arabia is to maintain its present level of oil produc-tion at 10.3 million barrels a day at least until the end of February Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the oil minister, said. It was also the government's intention to try to keep prices at their present level of \$32 a barrel for benchmark crude until May.

The world market seemed to

he soft, partly because the fighting between Iran and Iraq was limited enough to allow both sides to keep producing

He refused to say if Saudi Arabia would maintain output into the spring or summer. His country reviewed that decision each month.

Nigeria eases curbs on foreign participation

Nigeria has eased restrictions on foreign participation in several industries to encourage more foreign investment. Foreigners will be allowed to have a 60 per cent participation, against the previous 40 per cent, in the production of metal containers. fertilizers and cement, in sugar plantations and processing, and agricultural plantations for cash crops.

Turkey devaluation

Turkey has devalued the lira by 4.2 per cent against the dollar and 2.5 per cent against sterling. The new exchange rates were 95.95 to the dollar compared with 91.90 and 225.10 against sterling, compared with 219.57. It also devalued against the Deutsche mark, Belgian franc, Danish krone and the French franc.

Eurocredit for Spain

Spain's Sociedad Espanola de Automobiles de Turísmo, the country's largest car manufac-turer, has signed an agreement for a \$175m (£75m) Euroloan with 33 banks. The credit will be for eight years and will bear an interest rate of point above the United States prime

Canal for Panama

Mr Shigeo Nazano, President of the Japan and Tokyo Cham-bers of Commerce, says he hopes President Reagan will take the first steps soon toward a joint United States-Japan project to build a sea-level canal in Panama.

Higher car output

Mitsubishi has decided to increase production of small cars
workers and trucks to 9.000 vehicles a month, starting in March, be-cause Chrysler has asked for more models to meet American

Chinese engineers

One hundred and filty Chinese engineers being trained in Japan, have been ordered home to build and operate an 85,000m yen (£179m) steel roll-ing mill in Baoshan near

More German steel

West German January raw steel production rose 15.4 per cent from December to 3.18 million tonnes but declined 12.7 per cent from January,

Hydro plant loan

Italy's state electric utility, Ente Nazionale per L'Energia Elettrica, has received an addi-tional \$40m (£17m) credit from the European Investment Bank to build a hydro-electric plant at Edolo, northern Italy.

JAL Swiss bond

Japan Airlines plans private placement of a 50m Swiss franc (£11.23m) government-guaranteed bond with a Swiss banking syndicate led by Union Bank of Switzerland Switzerland.

Chrysler lay-offs

Chrysler Canada will lay off about 3,500 car assembly plant workers for two weeks beginning next week and will lay off 230 others indefinitely.

Rouble revalued The Soviet state bank's rouble exchange rate against the dollar will be changed from Monday to 70.35 roubles to \$100 from

69 roubles. Daimler-Benz sales

The federation has lent its voice to the campaign being waged by the clothing and tex-Daimler-Benz, the German car company, saw domestic sales rise 2.9 per cent to 241,000 units in 1980 while foreign sales climbed 2.7 per tiles industry to have a much-strengthened successor, to the present Multi Fibre Arrange cent to 188,000. ment, the machinery through which international trade in tex-

£248m Indian loans

The Indian Government floated two loans totalling Rs4,800m (E251m), completing net market borrowing of Rs25,000m for the financial year to the end of March.

Shell Canada budget Shell Canada expects its capital expenditure programme this year to total Can\$770m (£275m), up from Can\$518m last year.

Spanish pay strikes

Strikes over wage demands hit Spain's steel and transport industries, halting train and airline service.

Uruguay trade gap Uruguay had a trade deficit of £234,549m in the first 11 months of last year.

Computer group aims for 1,000 private systems within two years

ICL launches its own viewdata system

ICL, which this week reported a £20m loss in the first quarter, bas launched a E1.5m viewdata system called Bulletin which it hopes will bring the company to the fore in information technology.

The viewdata market in the United Kingdom has been tailored largely by British Telecom whose Prestel system was launched in September 1979.

The response to the service has been disappointing, with only 7,500 specially adapted sets sold out of annual sales of 1.9 million colour sets.

But many users of Prestel's business and financial data are companies. ICL and a number of other international companies are therefore interested in developing systems that can be used in conjunction with an internal computer

system. These systems will be the forerunners of a more advanced service that will allow an executive isolated in his country. retreat to gain access to his own company files via the telephone and his television.

Virtually no training is required for the most inexperienced user to call up easily readable files and tables. The Prestel system allows the subscriber

to dial into one of the 19-computers in the country which can provide a total of 74,000 "pages" of information supplied by about 140 sources. These "subler" their pages to other suppliers, bringing the total to nearer 400.

The ICL system will provide the same type of facility but it will be strictly for company use and the company is confident it can tap a sizable market with about 1,000 Bulletin systems in operation around the world by the end of 1983.

Within the next few years electronic equipment manufacturers, computer companies and information providers will all

be expanding to try to achieve a share of the information technology industry.

The Government's recent appointment of Mr Kenneth Baker as Minister of Information. Technology reflects, the official Whitehall view of the importance of its

Even industries such as newspapers are using their resources to set up databanks whose information is available through the Prestel system. The Financial Times. Extel, the Birmingham Post and Mail and Counties Newspapers - are

But private viewdata systems such as that now being launched by ICL will bring office computer facilities directly into the

home for the cost of a telephone call. At present 60 per cent of telephone subscribers are able to gain access to the Prestel information stored in the 19 local

Later this year Prestel will be launching its "gateway" which will allow the user to dial into a private system through the public network

computers in the United Kingdom.

This development will revolutionize viewdata and launch an industry devoted to the collating, retrieval and distribution of information.

Bill Johnstone

UK curbs on EEC to scrutinize counterfeit Tokyo exports merchandise

By Derek Harris

Commercial Editor Industrial counterfeiting is causing British companies significant losses in export markets, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister for Trade, said yesterday.

The Department of Trade is so concerned about the problem -described by Mr Parkinson as "the theft of technology that pegates commercial incentive to innovate"-that a number of initiatives are being made to counter it. Counterfeiting could be costing British industry at least £200m a year, it has been

estimated. The greatest concern is over counterfeit motor parts and more recently drugs, because of the dangers in using inferior products. Brake linings have been among a number of car parts in which the quality has often been inferior to the gen-uine product and could cause failures leading to accidents.

Although counterfeited goods, largely sourced from south east Asia but also coming in from east European countries, have mainly been finding their way into British export markets, especially third world countries, there are fears that some could also be coming into the United Kingdom itself.

Mr Parkinson, who was speakng at a management symposium in Switzerland, said that the counterfeit goods were being promoted unscrupulously, with even the packaging an exact copy of the real thing. Counterfeither than the counterfe feiring harmed trading relationships, and was a confidence trick on the consumer that had to stop, he added.

Rise of 5 pc

for knitting

More than 60,000 kultting workers have settled for a S

per cent wage increase this year. Industry leaders say the figure reflects "the most acute

trading difficulties since the 1930s.".

In the past 15 months the industry, located mainly in the East Midlands, has shed about

16,000 jobe, or about 15 per cent of its total workforce. More than 50 factories closed and short-time working is still

An agreement reached within

the National Joint Industrial Council for the Hosiery Trade also allows for an extra day's

paid holiday, an improvement in fallback rates for the guaran-

teed working week, and increases in the unsocial hours

and overtime premia.

Mr Harold Gibson, general president of the National Union of Hosiery and Knitwear Workers, said yesterday: "The agreement was the best that

could be reached in the circum-

Mr John Harrison, director of the Knitting Industries' Federa-tion, said it was hoped the agreed package would help to alleviate widespread short-time

working and preserve jobs in

the industry to take advantage of the upturn in trade when it

He added that employers faced reduced demand and cus-

tomer resistance to any attempt to pass on additional costs of production.

production.
Industry leaders blame their present difficulties on "continuing over-exposure to low-cost imports" and the relative strength of the pound, which has limited opportunities for manufacturers to seek compensations also where

tiles and clothing is regulated. It expires at the end of this

Like other sectors of the in-dustry, the knitters have found

themselves being challenged by

Although the main threat has come from the European Com-

munity's Mediterranean associ-

ates, and the Lome countries, and other developing country

producers, the knitting industry has also faced strong competi-tion in the United Kingdom

from United States producers.
Last autumn, Mr Harrison said that imports of American knitted underwear, other cloth-

ing and fabrics, were increasing

at an alarming rate. They were entering Britain at prices below those of goods from the Third

World, the traditional low-cost

rising import penetration

By John Huxley

widespread.

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occurred.

From Peter Norman Brussels, Feb 5

The European Commission is planning to scrutinize the deliveries of Japanese cars, colour televisions and numerically controlled machine tools into the Community to deter-mine the pattern of imports month by month.

This follows last mouth's round of high level discussions on trade between Commission officials and the Japanese in Tokyo, and reflects dissatisfac-tion in Brussels at the limited progress achieved.

A report to be submitted by Commission to the Council of Ministers has established that a wide gap exists between what the EEC would like to happen to reduce Japan's trade figures for surplus with the Community available.

and what the Japanese are will-ing to offer to bring about an improvement

The Commission says that the Japanese are not prepared to cut back their exports to the EEC to the extent desired by their governments, while the recent talks produced nothing to suggest that member states will gain easier access to the

Japanese market.
The Commission believes that the Community should continue to press its views on the Japanese Government and pursue discussions on problems in specific sectors.

It plans to report to the Council of Ministers on its monitoring of imports of Japanese cars, televisions and machine tools as soon as the figures for the first half are

French blockade of car imports angers Japan

Tokyo, Feb 5. - Japan is considering a protest to France for holding up thousands of Japanese cars in ports and blocking sales, apparently to express its displeasure over surging vehicle imports.

Mr Toshihiki Yano, vice min-ister of International Trade and Industry, said the French action constituted a non-tariff barrier and violated the prin-ciples of free trade under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt).

Thousands of cars shipped by Japan have been held up in Le Havre and Marseilles for failing to obtain sales approval from the French Government.

Japanese reports said French Government was lieved to be intentionally with-holding sales approval. The French Government was re-ported to have told domestic mporters to hold down the market share of Japanese cars below 3 per cent and not to prepare advertisements for apanese cars.

Several western governments seem to be moving towards trade curbs against Japanese

This is despite their free trade philosophy and the possibility that any major curbs on car imports could result in a trade war which could worsen the world recession.

call off strike threat

However, they are pressing ahead with proposals to build up "a fighting fund", to which they will each be contributing £1 a week, to oppose closure, due on April 22.

After a series of meetings April 3.

of the joint union works action committee, says it was this move that prompted workers to call off their plans for immediate industrial action. Had the company not acted to keep supplies flowing, the refinery would have closed within a fortnight as raw sugar stocks

Mr Tony Humphreys, regional officer for the General and Municipal Workers' Union, said: "At least we now have a little more time. I would have been happier if the company had withdrawn redundancy notices. That would have shown a real desire to keep the

a fortnight ago. Opposition is centring on political moves aimed at pressing for changes in EEC policy which gives preferential treatment to homegrown sugar beet. More than 130 MPs have signed a Commons motion stracking the Government for failing to support the British cane sugar retining industry.

By R. W. Shakespeare agreed to suspend their planned campaign of industrial action while efforts continue to try to save their jobs.

continue to take in supplies of raw sugar to the plant until

a real desire to keep the refinery open." The closure was announced

Tate workers

Workers at the Tate & Lyle sugar refinery in Liverpool, which is under threat of closure with the loss of 1,600 jobs, have

Tate & Lyle has agreed to Mr John McLean, secretary

quired by overseas countries for handling mail in transit through their territories. The biggest change to the pricing of surface parcels for overseas is the introduction,

From the Director, Inter-national Post Affairs, the Post

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Increases in overseas mail rates

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the new steps increases are tries in the world which operates nearly always much more modest. Thus a 3kg parcel to West Germany previously cost £4 and now costs £5.40 (35 per its postal services on a selffinancing basis. Most countries receive some form of direct government subsidy, or crosscent increase) not £6.25 as subsidization from their tele stated by your correspondent; communication services. Neither but a 6kg parcel has gone up by just 144 per cent (£6.55 to case applies with the British postal service, which is expec ted to operate at a profit and

has done so for some years. Finally, it was pointed ou Another of your correspondents claims that from January that we no longer sell the EEC postal rates to Britain smaller size of airmail letter This is because it is not suit were reduced by 23 per cent. This is not the case. The origi-nal six EEC members have able for handling at our 4 mechanized offices and business users tell us they prefethe larger A4 size. This size is being sold at the same price been applying their domestic rate at the first weight-step to each other for some time, but the only EEC countries which as the smaller version, allow apply lower rates to the United Kingdom are Denmark, The Netherlands, France and West Germany, Postal arrangements with the Irish Republic have ing for the extra costs men Yours faithfully, L. H. KINGSBURY. always been on the basis of

Director, International Postal inland prices, but to the rest of the EEC Britain does not charge lower rates because it would mean forfeiting some Affairs. Postal Headquarters,

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exist. It would have to be

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people able to contribute to th

development of design at

Design in the service of industry which should take priority

Sir, Kenneth Owen's excellent summary of recent events in design education (January 30), especially the new links between the Royal College of Art with Imperial College and with Cranfield Institute of Technology and the support of the 1851 commissioners, shows how the country's existing educa-tional resources can be employed more effectively in design.

trial design at advanced level. A third element is now needed in the provision of economic, management and marketing studies. These should establish those products and industries greater today.

relation to Britain's skill, capacity and potential; eco-nomic and marketing research in establishing adequate design briefs and the development of management and marketing functions in support of design.
The advanced Institute of Design for which I have been campaigning would provide integrated studies of all the components of design and stand at the apex of education for industry.

Prince Albert saw this clearly 130 years ago when the South Kensington site was established for the purposes of "art and science working together for the benefit of productive in-dustry", and the need is

level commensurate with our national needs but with a head quarters in South Kensingto where the echoes of the hig endeavours of Prince Albert Henry Cole and Lyon Playfai still resound. Yours faithfully. FRANK HEIGHT, Professor. School of Industrial Design, Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore.

Comparing windmill costs

Department of Energy

Sir, Mr Stobart's comparison of the cost per unit of his small aero-generator with that of the 3 megawatt machine planned for Orkney (letters, February 4) does not compare like with like. The Orkney machine is a prototype, and one would expect the cost of subsequent production models to be considerably less.

It would be illuminating to compare the costs of the Ork-

ducing an equivalent amount of electricity from a Trimble wind-mill either scaled up or linked and controlled in arrays and attained over a range of wind-speeds between .17 and .27 metres per second, commonly prevailing on Orkney. Yours sincerely,

Claim challenged From Dr A. R. Robbins

February 2.

Sir. Mr E. M. Pearson, in bi letter (Business News, Febru ary 2) claims, in a throwave line, that insurance is the world's second oldest profes sion. I would strongly challeng that claim and ask him for h

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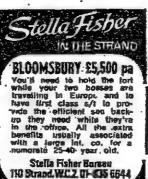
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Lonrho sets the scene for the next act

his Although significantly less than some of the profits up 52 per cent at £119m hardly rank is a disappointment. Meanwhile the acc up be a final dividend which takes the total for the year up by almost two-fifths to 14.3p

a share gross.
This rewar This reward, although not quite twice covered on stated earnings, was enough to keep profit-takers at bay and the shares closed in higher at 105p where a yield of 13.6 per cent and fully-taxed p'e of around-3.5 times, reflect at least a partial narrowing of Lonrho's credibility gap with the investing institutions.

Total dividends for the year have thus cost Lonrho over £24m or about £10m less han it acquired through last November's rights issue. And the implication pre-turnably is intended to be that those who feel the group will be pushed to find £158m. to nurchase House of Fraser are a long way

wide of the mark. In fact the group claims cash holdings of £108m at the year end.

As expected almost all the trading improvement has come from the mining interests which boosted by higher producin its tion and a higher average gold price lifted heir pre-finance contribution from £26m. These interests and the sugar These interests and me sugar in the sugar in the sugar interests and me sugar interests are the sugar interests are the sugar interests at home, in the although Lonrho maintains that Dutton interests are sugar interests. Foreshaw had a good year and engineering managed a tiny contribution before financing costs despite the Hadfields steel comconditions at home.

The question now is, leaving aside the House of Fraser move, whether Lonrho's existing operations can keep up the pace.

The likelihood must be that mining returns will slow but that the agricultural division, only now seeing the benefits from a booming sugar price could almost double last year's £13m operating profit to make no much of the leeway. But with precious little sign of recovery at home the group could once again find itself running on the

Meanwhile with a fairly robust balance sheet expected before shareholders meet next month to vote on the House of Fraser hid-possibly showing net gearing below . 5 60 per cent—the scene is neatly set for what could yet prove Mr Rowland's biggest

The feeling is growing that Lonrho may have to pay more than 150p to capture Fraser but possibly not more than 175p given the agitation of some of the bigger performance funds with regard to their Fraser holdings.

Interest rates

Still guessing on MLR

MLR they had been hoping for yesterday.

But the damage was not all that great, with the FT 30 share index giving back no more than 6.9 points to 472 of its recent rally. In short, markets continue to take the view that what fails to come one week will Whether that is a view that will need modification in the light of next Tuesday's banking figures remains to be seen.

More important internationally than the no-change MLR yesterday was the absence of any upward movement in West German interest rates. Although foreign exchange markets had not been betting that hard on any change, there is clearly increasing speculation as to how successful Bundesbank support operations will be in deterring the movement of funds out of the currency. Yesterday the DM lost a further 2.58 prennigs to close at DM 2.1480 to the

Note: Meanwhile the Scott Committee, reporting yesterday on the value of inflation protected pensions in the determination of public sector pay, added its name to the list of those favouring the introduction of index-linked bonds.

As the report points out, index-linked

bonds would not in themselves mean that private rector employers could automatically guarantee inflation-proofed pensions. The thrust of the Scott argument is that they would, however, at least give employers a better idea of the cost of offering various degrees of inflation-proofing.

Certainly, there is little doubt that pension funds would snap up a limited offering of. index-linked bonds from the Government, and probably from solid blue chip companies too. But there is still no sign of any real enthusiasm for indexation on the part of the monetary authorities, and the idea that the authorities could be tied to a permanent-obligation to issue index-linked bonds rather han take a much shorter-term view on interest rates in their funding decisions must surely be misconceived.

UDT Under pressure

The market is clearly waiting for a new offer by Lloyds & Scottish for United Dominions Trust. In the meanwhile the formal offer document from the Trustee Savings Banks and the interim results from UDT caused no surprise. The agreed TSB offer of 57p cash for each UDT share is formalized and UDT's own results are every bit as bad as expected.

For the half-year to December UDT made pretax profits of £3m—or £3.8m after adjusting for loan stock conversion for full comparison with the previous year-as against £7.9m. But after tax and an extraordinary debit of £1.4m, it is reporting a loss of £1.2m as against a net profit of £5.3m.

The instalment credit side has had plenty to contend with. Not only have interest rates stayed high but demand for new loans has been sluggish and bad debts are piling up. In UDT's own case the translation of overseas, results into sterling has contributed film to the extraordinary debits while, amazingly, costs related to the TSB proposals have cost £800,000.

If the hire purchase side was bad, the industrial interests were even worse. Last year these contributed £4.9m to pretax profits, over half the total. This year Swan Hire, the car rental group, ordered too many



Mr Leonard Mather, chairman of UDT.

cars for market needs and then found their residual value at the time of resale sharply down, while the garages division, which includes several franchises, suffered from the recession in the industry.

In contrast, International Commodities Clearing House has been benefiting from the increase in its business. ICCH could yet prove one of the brighter stars in UDT's portfolio. It has assets of £16m but with profits last year of over £8m, and an apparent assured place in the futures market, its eventual value could be far higher.

With remaining uncertainties on course of interest rates and demand for loans, it would be hazardous to anticipate the outcome for the year. Profits in the second half should, assuming lower rates and some industrial recovery, be substantially higher than in the first. But by then UDT will in all likelihood be part of another group and the shares at 59p reflect this more than their trading merits.

An International Petroleum Exchange will open in London in April Oil traders move into the City

London is to have a new com-modity market. The Inter-national Petroleum Exchange (IPE) which will begin trading on April 6, has already excited interest both among moders, who see an important addition to London's futures markets, and in the oil industry and

among oil consumers, who are faced with increasing oil price instability.

The opening of the exchange has to be seen against the background of a switch in emphasis in commodity mar-kets generally and in the London markets particularly. Inflation, growing price volati-lity and the lacklustre perform-ance of other forms of investment have attracted a mounting volume of funds to commodity markets in recent years. These funds—from commodity producers, manufacturers

speculators and investers—have flowed especially strongly into flutures markets, where expansion has been much faster than in physical and spot markets.

Those behind the IPE scheme

Those behind the IPE scheme believe that it will play a leading role in restoring Loudon's status as a commodiry trading centre, a genuinely international market for one of the world's most important industries. Beyond that, it should mittent large quantities of investment or speculative funds from abroad, enhancing the City's function as an earner of invisible exports.

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The optimism is partly based on the New York experience, although a vital difference is that the New York Mercantile Exclunge's Heating Oil Futures. Market is an almost wholly domestic market. Neverwholly domestic market. Never-theless, since its inception in November, 1978, the market has grown rapidly. An average of more than 3,000 contracts are traded every day, amounting to. some 750,000 tonnes of heating oil. In 1980 it was New York's fastest growing futures market.

London also plans to start with gasoil (heating oil), which is 30 per cent of the refined barrel and apart from heating is also used for diesel fuel and also used for diesel fuel and violent price fluctuations have own refinery requirements been around for at least seven were met. Trading of both The main reason for choosing years, but it is Iran that it has crude oil and products inpetrochemicais.

been possible to identify a suffi- creased sharply. New trading cient number of participants to make it work. The revolution in Iran did

A 269,000 ton tanker under way; the new market will allow oil users to hedge their costs.

fication for commodity con-tract—and widely traded. Contracts for naphtha and Contracts for naphtha and benzene could also be intro-duced and the optimists look forward to a futures contract in crude oil. Like all futures markets, International Petroleum Ex-change is designed to enable producers and consumers to hedge their costs. It is intended at present that the contract will be for 100 metric tonnes (in New York it is about 130 tonnes, but is quoted in gallons) EFLO grade, a standard European specifica-

raw material.

The price will be in dollars per tonne and one contract would be worth \$30,000 to \$40,000, with a minimum fluctuation of 25 cents. Delivery is to tanks in Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Antwerp, with nine delivery months quoted on the delivery months quoted on the

gasoil is that it is easily

definable—an important quali-

exchange at one time. Suggestions that a futures market should be formed to allow users and traders of petroleum products to protect their, sales and purchases against possible sudden and

two things. It accelerated the shift away from the multi-nationals' control of inter-nationally traded oil and, at the same time, raised prices by 160 per cent. The effect was to increase markedly the role of the middleman in crude oil trading and to lessen the users' security of supply. Refiners were faced both with greatly increased raw material costs and much greater uncer-tainty over the sources of their

A trend which had been under way since the early seventies was greatly speeded up. In 1970 60 per cent of non-communist world's oil supplies communist world's oil supplies outside North America were handled by the seven leading oil companies—Shell, BP, Ex-xon, Chevron, Mobil, Texaco and Gulf. After the revolution in Iran the multinationals' share of internationally traded

oil had shrunk to 40 per cent. More important was the fact that they no longer had sufficient crude to ensure that their

organizations sprang up overalready in existence greatly in-creased their business.

Also after the Iranian revolution, Opec members raised prices individually, often with wide disparities of price from producer country to producer country.

Contract terms were cut back from periods of five years or more to a matter of months and premiums were added to official selling prices for some or all deliveries, depending on the strength of demand. From dealof crude oil traded inter-nationally, spot markets took 15 per cent and more of the trade. Independent refiners could sell to hungry markets at vastly inflated prices as both companies and countries became fright-ened of running short of sup-

The ability to make trading profits (and losses) by balancing the supplies of multi-nationals and governments, often suddenly deprived of supplies which they had thought assured, grew enormously. The conditions for a hedging mechanism were made.

Today prices demanded by

parate, over capacity in refining is marked, and competition for product markets is strong. The uncertainties are as great as ever. The industrialized West looks as though it will get through the winter without undue pressure on supplies despite the Iran/Iraq war, butthe balance between adequacy and shortage is a fragile one. A hedging medium for both traders and refiners should be useful.

Producers have increasingly tended to push for the highest prices obtainable on the market, cutting back their production to defend an official base price. The fluctuations can be sharp, with premiums equal to 10 per cent of supplies being switched on and off and prices on the spot market fluctuating even more markedly over short

If the differing crude prices between suppliers and the differing capacity use and market requirements of refiners are added in, a hedging market in gasoil, offering as it does a greater openness of dealing and security of contract, should be well used.

There is no doubt that the International Petroleum Exchange is well supported by the oil industry, oil merchants, and commodity traders. Many of London's leading commodity firms are among the 28 floor trading members. British Petro-leum has a representative on the Committee of Management.

But it is also clear that the market expects and hopes for speculative interest from private investors, for whom private investors, for whom there is at present no direct way of trading in oil. In the United States the speculators have tended to set the tone of futures markets, although they have also been criticized for upsetting physical prices.

As an international market.

As an international market, the IPE could have a marked impact on the oil business and on the price of the world's most important commodity.

Nicholas Hirst and Michael Prest

Technology

Cutting the cost of wear and tear

Longer-life washing machines and the 100 miles-agallon family can are two benefits which could easily result from the application of a single technology, according to two speakers at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in London this The same technology could

produce energy savings in the United Kingdom of up to \$2700m a year, they claimed.

The name of the magic technology is tribology. Though name for about 15 years, we probably still need to record that it is the technology of "interacting surfaces in relative motion "—that is, it is concerned with such things as friction, wear and lubrication. When the strange new name

burst upon a suspicious engin-eering fraternity in the mid-1960s, it was seen as offering the prospect of great savings in industry. Good tribological practice could result in significant reductions in maintenance costs and better-quality products. Since then the emphasis has changed to an awareness that

economy in energy and in materials is an even more signifiant measure of the importance

of tribology.

This at least is the thesis of Dr. Perer Jost and Dr. Jack Schofield, as detailed in their James Chayton Lecture this week. Dr Jost, a company chairman, is the original Tribology Man, having given birth to the subject in a report for the De-partment of Education and

Science in 1966. His co-author this week is a senior lecturer tribology) at Liverpool Polytechnic.

Primary energy savings can be obtained through tribology simply (though in practice it may not be simple) by reduc-ing friction—through the re-design of bearings, for exsmple.

Secondary Secondary savings are possible by minimizing wear and so reducing the need for more parts to be manufactured

And. indeed. tertiary savings; those obtained by not having to make the materials from which replacement parts are made. All these direct savings can be calculated in energy terms and are substantial; often · å . primary saving will result in a larger secondary saving and a still larger tertiary saving.

In Britain, the big users of energy are the transport (23 per cent), industrial (37 per cent) and domestic (27 per cent) sectors. In the transport sector, cars in particular offer great scope for energy saving through tribology. Between 0.8 and 1.5 per cent of the total United Kingdom energy con-sumption is used to produce motor cars—and about 15 per cent of the total to propel them

Engines and transmissions are obvious targets for appro-priate research and develorment. Apart from attempts to improve the basic efficiency of

Kenneth Owen

for reductions in the energy wasted through friction, wear and ineffective sealing. Some of these latter losses are not caused simply by ignorance of available techno-

logy, but are the result of consclous design decisions aimed. for example, at lowering pro-duction costs or "eliminating" the need to lubricate.

The universal coupling quoted as an example of this practice by Jost and Schofield. The present version comains a single charge of special lubri-cant (which cannot be replenished) and has a limited life of two or three years. Its conventionally hibricated predecessor lasted the life of the car.

This and many other examples to enormous energy losses. Applying existing technology to correct such avoidable wastages in the transport sector could save from £79m to £140m a year energy costs.

Further research and development—in piston rings and cylinders, transmissions, and lubricant and "viscometrics" would recoup its cost many times over. Improving "thermal cycles", that is, the basic

petrol-engine process, also merits further R and D but both research costs and benefits in this area are speculative.

Identifiable costs and benefits are estimated by the two authors as follows: piston rings, a £33m annual saving for an R and D cost of £400,000 a year for three or four years; transmissions, savings of £123m to £122m for an R and D cost of £400,000 a to £182m for an R and D cost of £1m for each of four years; and lubricants, £97m £196m savings for three years R and D

These are the type of savings that would make the 100 mpg small family car a realistic probability. With "some engine thermal improvements", the authors change their assessment from one of probability to certainty.

Though no estimates are given

there is clearly great scope for improvement here. The efficiency of the perrol engine is only 20-22 per cent, and of the diesel engine 33-37 per cent. Jost and Schoffield look to improvements. provements from chemico-thermal treatments, oxides, ceramics, carbides and inter-metallic coamags, and advanced lubricants. In the traditional engine, about one third of the fuel energy is lost through the transfer of heat into the cooling water by way of the cylinder five years.

the authors' detailed analysis points to substantial potential energy savings. For an R and D investment of about £5.1m spread over five years, a tripledirect energy saving could be achieved: up to £50m a yearthrough improved performance in power generation and ture bines; up to £140m through improved performance in the manufacturing and process industries; and up to £26m in

In the industrial sector, again,

in the metallurgical and other industries in the area of maintenance. In the domestic sector, there... are many examples of short-life

products whose design ignores the rising cost and shortage of energy and raw materials. Programmers and motor modules. washing machines and spin dryers are among these; failures are fairly common, components cannot be replaced, and replacement of the complete unit is the expensive and wasteful norm.

In summary, then, energy savings of between £468m and £700m a year in the transport, industrial and domestic sectors are possible through improved tribology, for an estimated R and D spending of £12.3m over

The Trans-Oceanic Trust Limited

Managed by J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited The Annual General Meeting was held at 120 Cheapside, London EC2 on Thursday, 5th February, 1981 at 12.15pm.

The following is a summary of the Report by the Directors for the year ended 31st October, 1980.

	1980	•	<u>1979</u>	% Change	
Total Revenue (see below)	 £1,730,061	÷	£1.532.979	+129%	
Revenue after taxation and expenses	£ 940,407		£ 836,456	+12.4%	٠
Earnings per Ordinary Share	7.660		: <u>6.80p</u>	+126%	
Ordinary dividends for the year net per share	 7.00p		6.20p	<u>.+129%</u>	
Net asset value per 25p Ordinary Share	 299.20p		224.70p	<u>+33.2%</u>	
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The comparative figures for 1979 have been restated to exclude non-recurring income received that year as a result of the removal of dividend restraint.

In his Statement in the Annual Report the Chairman commented:

The removal of exchange controls in 1979 and the exemption from tax on capital gains granted to investment trusts in the Spring budget has given the Company greater flexibility to manage its portfolio. Your Directors saw this as an opportunity to put greater emphasis on overseas investment, particularly in view of the strength of Sterling. Thus the percentage of net assets invested in U.K. securities has fallen over the year from 60.5% to 42.2%. The portfolio's overseas emphasis has been mainly in the U.S.A. where the percentage of net assets invested has risen over the year from 30.4% to 39.2%. If Canada is included, the Company's total North American interests now exceed in value

ignoring geographic boundaries it would be fair to say that the portfolio's main areas of emphasis are in energy and technology, which represent approximately 29% and 18% of the portfolio by market value respectively. Your Directors see substantial opportunities in these industries and expect the Company's portfolio will continue to emphasise these high-growth areas of the free world's economy. Greater emphasis is also being given to investing a proportion of the Company's assets in unquoted venture capital projects, which it is hoped will eventually provide a greater return than can be expected from more mature companies.

Most of the Company's venture capital investments and many of its overseas investments do not pay dividends to shareholders at the present time. Moreover, the yield obtainable by investing overseas is, in general, less than can be obtained by maintaining a balanced portfolio in the U.K. However, because of the enhanced growth prospects of these investments, their potential for future dividend growth is much higher. Your Directors are aware of the problems of balancing the need for a good level of income to pay progressive dividends on the Company's shares with the long-term growth aims of the Company. These differing requirements are continually under review and it is our intention to continue to seek capital growth while attempting to provide shareholders with increasing dividends as we have been able to do over the past decade.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from the Secretaries. J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited, 48 St. Martins Lane, London WC2N 4EJ.

Business Diary: No tubes mañana • Morris memories

poor tormented souls who have to rely on the London Tube to take them to work. It could be worse; you might live in Madrid, for instance.

The Tube workers there have just given notice of a particularly malevolent form of industrial action. From next Friday they have promised to go on strike until their demands

The scenario, as they say, may look familiar. One can almost imagine some Hispanic Ray Buckton piping through the columns of El Pais: "I've never seen my caballeros so angry."

What sets the Madrid Metro men apart from their Asso-ciated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef) counterparts, for the moment anyway, is the timing of the strike. They will stop work for one full day at intervals of about four days until December 31 unless the Metro company

concedes a 15 per cent pay rise. The first shut-down comes, appropriately enough, on Friday the 13th and a further 83 days have been singled out, appar-

ently at random. The one million Spaniards who travel on the Tube daily are, naturally enough, morti-fied. The company is offering a 10 per cent salary increase and says that the population of will not be the only losers if the strike goes ahead. It estimates that 83 workless days would cost the average worker nearly 23 per cent of his or her annual salary, or about 3.259 pesetas, roughly £17, for

The public clamour to see BL's new Mini Metro. being made, which Business Diary mentioned carlier this week, is nothing new to the Morris arm of the company. While researching his book The Annual Out-

ing and Other Excursions, Alan Delgado dug up an interesting publicity blurb about a coach trip to the Morris works, Oxford in the 1930s. "Thousands of men are working thousands of cars are taking shape," Southdown Motor Services told their customers of 1938. "From the specialized Morris factories the parts arrive at Cowley continuously. Engines . . . bodies . . . wings ... axles ... chassis frames ... radiators ... wheels—a constant stream is arriving, to be

instantly sorted out for assembly. "Then, as the chassis frames move slowly along the conveyors, various parts are assembled at different points along the line. Everything happens with clockwork precision. Men and machines are synchronized.

- " From out of a maze of separate parts, complete cars emerge. They grow before your eyes. It is a spectacle worth travelling hundreds of miles to see; a symbol of modernity and progress; an experience you will value all your

An outbreak of extreme

sensitivity has scuppered a

series of wooden spoon awards

for the advertising industry

which Business Diary men-

tioned on Wednesday.

The Creative Circle, a band

of creative directors who seek

to maintain professional stan-

dards in advertising, had come up with the bright idea of

doubling its usual awards.

which are due to be presented

Every "best of . . . " category

would be twinned with a booby

prize equivalent titled in such a way that it left the unfortu-

Business Diary, even though the

next month.



Ah, they don't write promotional copy like

that any more.

The return fare for this little charabanc jaunt

was 15s 6d, including tea. One of the models which grew before your eyes was the magnifi-cent Morris Eight pictured here, which perhaps explains the outing's popularity.

Delgado says discreetly of the description that

it "makes interesting reading in the light of working conditions in the motor industry today". Who would disagree?

circle was charging £1 each for being totally swamped "

No sooner had we applauded

the venture than the circle

decided it was not such a good

idea after all and promptly

dropped it. Circle president Len Sugar-"I regret the adverman said: tising industry in London is not yet ready for so revolutionary

an awards event. And so do I. Industry pressure is blamed for the

The Consumers' Association nate holder with no doubts that beginning to think you can his efforts were less than imwin a lot of battles without winning the war. It all sounded great fun to

responsible for providing the holiday you have been led to expect". Holiday Which? says.

chagrin, noted in the February issue of Holiday Which? just published concerns disclaimers and exemption clauses in the booking conditions.

The association succeeded in getting the Unfair Contract. Terms Act through Parliament as a private members' Bill in 1977. Since then clauses disclaiming or limiting liability for anything done (or not done) by people not directly employed by the tour operator (like the airline and the hotel) have had no legal effect.

Yet Holiday Which? found that most of the brochuces they examined still include such clauses. "The tour operator is

tage compared with men over salary, employment opportuni-ties, promotion, training or working conditions. The level dissatisfaction is actually ower in Britain than in other European countries.

The surprising figures come from a study sponsored by the European Commission and recently submitted to the Euro-

Only one working woman in

ity claims to be at a disadvan-

pean Parliament However, it still leaves four million discontented working women in Europe. Another four million believe that other women are at a disadvantage even if they themselves are not The reason that women in the

United Kingdom are more content than their continents counterparts, according to Helene Riffault, the author of the report, is that in Britain more women work only among other women, so that sex dis-

crimination is less evident.

There would be scant evidence, in any case, for supposing that it had anything to do with our Equal Opportunities Act. Almost half the British respondents had never heard of it or actually denied its exist

The Gulf emirate of Sharjah has just built a beautiful new airport complete with every modern facility except a stendi stream of incoming flights. Word from the Gulf has it that when a local reporter rang the management to suggest an interriew the voice on the phone said: "Sorry, I'd love to see you but I've got a plane coming in on that day."

David Hewson

a 2p rise to 318p.
Financials had a quiet day

and although there was renewed

support early on for FNFC with

a 10 increase to 31p the shares

fell back to 294p by the close. UDT, still waiting bid develop-

ments from Lloyds & Scottish and Trustee Savings Bank, shed

oils was the exploration agree-ment between Cluff, climbing

the property market, Hameru-son "A" added 10p to 625p, Haslemere continued opward with 2p to 338p, but Land Secs was unchanged at 388p

The spectacular feature in

1p to 59p.

Stock markets

Equities fall back on MLR disappointment

a disappointment to a market to 272p. GKN, on the news of that had been steadily improving over the last few days hoping for a 1 per cent cut.

After a cautious start, which saw some profit-taking ahead of the end of the account today, many buyers withdrew to await the MLR decision. The news left conditions drab in a thin market, although with little selling pressure.
The FT Index, which had

fallen only 1 point to 477.9, dropped a further 3.3 by noon, but with hopes abandoned of an MLR cut it feld further, to close 6.8 points down at 472.y.

Dealers' attention was firmly following gilts. But, opening in at 638p, a drop of 5p. ICL, how-the morning at steady prices, ever, which attracted invest-longs attracted little attention ment demand, was able to pull until after the announcement when bey eased off. By closing time, they had recovered El with hopes of a cut in MLR ruled out until nearer the

Shorts, however, saw some heavy investment buying prior to the expected news, gather-ing 11 by Junchtime, After ing £4 by Junchtime. After initial strength, shorts drifted back £4. Dealers expressed concern over reports that the Government is reconsidering its policy of allowing sterling to float.

At yesterday's annual meeting of Arthur Guinness, the chairman, the Earl of Iveagh,

told shareholders that, as far as the non-brewing side is con-

one year to get back to the 1978-79 profit levels. The

group's pre-tax profits fell from £52.9m to £43.3m last time and

responsible for most of the

review of 1979-80 and the chair-

man warned that he could only

remain very cautious in fore-casting how the rest of the year

Although the IDC Group's

turnover managed to edge for-

ward from E44.45m to £45.24m

in the 12 months to October 31

Net profits were £476,000, compared with £3.36m last year,

which was swollen due to a big

write-back of stock relief. The

and fire protection services.

Date set for Oil -

and Gas debut

TDC lifts total

£1.25m to £1.03m.

dividend

Guianess's experience in the first quarter of the new year has shown little respite from the situation reported in the

the non-brewing side

No change in the minimum to 294p. Beecham fell to 177p, from IDC saw the shares firm lending rate yesterday came as 3p drop and Glaxo was down 7p to 63p. further large-scale redundancies, droped 3p to 142p and Courtaulds fell 1p to 55p. Lucas, which had gathered strength from the Nissan plant plans, fel back 2p to 171p on profit-taking, but Hawker Siddeley continued its upward

> Electricals saw the greatest setbacks with the leaders suffering losses of up to 13p following recent strength GEC droped 13p to 618p, while Thorn/EMI shed 6p to 282p. Unitech recovered from its recent profits warning, up 7p to 23p, but this has still had its 153p. and Electrocomponents, back 4p to 35p.

move, 2p beter at 264p.

The results from Lourho failed to stimulare the shares early in the day, dropping lo to 103p, but with the news of better dividend and profits.

Other rises saw European Ferries celebrating the end of its seamen's dispute, climbing. 3p to 152p. Offer terms from predator Turnbull Scott left shares unchanged at 405p, but Stag Line added 3p to 405p.

Dealers have been reporting renewed interest in finance to oil group Minsters Assets, where Britannia Arrow holds 12.5 per cent. The price has risen, this account, from 63p to 70p, closing ip off at 691p yesterday. The attraction is its 2.5 per cent stake in block 30/23 in the North Sea which straddles the recently upgraded Argyle Field.

After Lee Cooper's £25m con-tract with Czechoslovakia, the tract with Czechoslovakia, the shares were 15p higher at 166p and speculative gains were made by Aquascutum A. adding 31p to 31p. Unaffected by Avana's share disposal, Robertson Foods rose 3p to 155p and Avana was up 7p to 210p with the bid still in the air.

also reporting, gained ip to 57p.
But Christie-Tyler lost 3p to

ment recommendations boosted Healys 4p to 82p and put 5p on ERF at 52p, Both L Barget, adding 10p to 160p, and Old Swan Hotel, 8p to 68p, rose on speculation. Chubb added 2p to 77p on comments suggesting a takeover by GEC.

Duport weakened a further 2p to 7p on continuing fears that Government aid will not be forthcoming. Otherwise the engineering sector was not too badly affected by MLR expectations. J. Brown dropped 10 to 72p and Vosper remained un-changed at 101p.

After Wednesday's boost, reweries tended to retreat with the leading shares dropping across the line. Bass shed 3p to 206p, Grand Met 2p to 166p and Whitbread was 1p lower

at 151p.
Banks, unperturbed by the general disappointment, opened firm but nes of future pay talks sa most of the sector losa better hydrend and profits.

Robertson Foods to see a first of the sector losafter hours at 108p.

Satisfactory results from Blundel-Permoglaze added 2p to 81p and similar good news from M. L. Holdings added 5p remained unchanged at 325p.

Latest results

tlost. The low-key atmosphere	Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earcings per share	Div pence	Pay	. Year's total
stretched into the leading	Aaronson Bros (F)	55.4(46.9)	1.96(4.0)	3.62(10.96)	3(3)	8/4 -	4.2(4.2)
industrials, with dealers	Apex Props (1)	—(—)	0.36(0.33)	1.62(1.49)	0.7(0.7)	30/3	—(2.0)
reporting a very quiet day, even	Beaumout Props (F)		1.46(1.27)	6.6(5.3)	3.7(3.0)	26/3	5,25(4.5)
though many had already relin-	Blundell-Perm (F)	23.7(20.76)	1.84(2.19)	6.3(23.4)	3.2(3.6)	1/4	4.8(4.8)
quished any hopes of a cut.	Christie-Tyler (1)	33.4(34.9)	0.44*(1.6)	7.6(8.0)	1.0(2.0)	6/4	(5.5)
The sector looked dull from	IDC Group (F)	45.2(44.4)	1.03(1.25)	7.6(60.25)	3.8(3.57)	_	5.06(4.6†)
	Lourno (F)	2,101(1,566)	119(78)	19.4(16.1)	6(4.68)	-	10(7.32)
the outset and leading equities	Mining Supp (1)	14.09(10)	2.37(0.55)	— (—)	_(-) 2(2)	-	-(2.0)
fell back several pence, some	ML Bldgs (I)	12.4(8.9)	0.44(0.37)	7.05(6.03)	2(2)	7/4	-(10)
improving later in the day. Dis- appointment knocked 4p off ICi at 292p, later recovering	Dividends in this table shown on a gross basic earnings are net. *=1	s. To establish g	ross multiply the	e per share. Else e net dividend by	where in Business	News	dividends are

Turnbull counter-bid of £4.9m for Stag Line

Turnbuli Scor has emerged as a second bidder for Stag Line, capping the 355p a share offer from Hunting Gibson with terms worth 400p a share. This velues Stag Line.at £4.9m. Shares in Stag Line had been

trading well about the price offered by Hunting Gibson, anticipating a higher offer. They closed yesterday 3p up at The Stag Line board, which together with family interests show 40 per cent of

15p to 340p, Celtic Basin, up 25p to 160p, and BP which fell 8p to 408p. Otherwise the mar-ket was dull and leaders closed controls about 40 per cent of the equity, said last month that it was aware of the possibility of another offer, but it was not clear last night whether this statement referred to Turnbull easier with Shell down 40 at 428p, Lasmo shedding 15p to 659p and Burmah down 3p to Property and insurance sec-tors, which had particularly looked forward to the benefit of cheaper money, were both relatively unchanged, with a mixture of rises and falls. In Scott or whether there may yet

Margins dip at Blundell-

Equity turnover on February 4 was £127.484m (bargains, 11,502). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were ICL, GEC, GUS, ICI, Lourho, Chubb, British Land, Racal and Ultra-By Catherine Gunn mar. Traded options: Dealers reported a total of 1,147 contracts

with over half of the trades coming from Londo which attracted 642 Other trades were Racal with 196 and Lasmo to £23.7m.
The total dividend has been Traditional options : Dealers re-

ported quiet trading conditions on declaration day. Calls were made in Lonrho at 10p, Town & Country at 291p and ICL at that this year will go well.

A heavy destocking programme last year meant a
£442,000 addition to the group's Sharp improvement at Western Mining

By Michael Prest
Mining Correspondent
Western Mining, the Australian exploration and for nickel during most of the period were offset by an minerals company, raised first half net operating profits by 28 per cent to AS31.9m (£16m).
But the dividend has been held at 7 cents.

Toward Australian dollar against the American dollar.

BH South, which is 80.2 per cent owned by Western Mining, had consolidated net earlings had consolidated net earlings. However, the picture should balance out this year.

increased dividends from Alcoa Australia and CRA virtually offset the loss of dividends from companies sold to CRA. Carr Boyd Minerals, an entirely separate company from Western Mining has reported that Esso Exploration has the right to earn a 40 per cent in-

Mr Reginal Pender, managing director, deflected all question-ing on this issue with "No comment." He said the board

would be meeting to discuss the latest development. Mr Graham Turnbull, a direcfor of Turnbull Scott, said that both companies knew each other well but had not met since the middle of January. He said that Stag Line would fit well with Turnbull Scott,

whose dry cargo carriers were mostly smaller than Stag Line's. Turnbull Scott had net assets of £12.1m at March 31, 1980. Turnbull Scott, which has a share of 0.36 per cent in Stag, lost £237,000 pretax in the year consi to last March but in the ensuing said.

be another bidder waiting in six months made a £260,000

The offer for Stag Line will include an alternative to cast in the form of loan stock o note, and the terms will b contained in the formal offe document.

Hunting Gibson, the initia bidder, had already receive an irrevocable undertaking t accept from Ropner Holding in respect of its 29.9 per cer stake in Stag Line. The under taking would lapse if Huntin Gibson fails to get a majorit holding in Stag.

A spokesman for Huntin Gibson refused to comment of the counter bid from Turabu Scott. " We haven't had time consider it", the spokesma

Permoglaze

Paint manufacturer Blundell-Permoglaze Holdings took a larger share of a declining paint market last year, but its mar-gins were trimmed by rising costs. Pretax profits for the year to October 31 were £1.84m, down from £2.19m the previous year, on sales up 14.2 per cent

maintained at 6.85p gross after e lower final payout of 4.57p gross. The board is confident

tax bill in the form of a claw-back of stock relief, and knocked attributable profits down from £1.49m to £401,000. Mr Newlands Basser Smith, the retiring chairman, said yesterday that had not stock relief had to be calculated at November 14 as the Government required, the group would have received ear relief of £320,000.

Meanwhile, lower stock levels released film which would otherwise have been used to finance stocks. This was instead placed on deposit and more than covered the group's interest costs, producing a net credit of approximately £20,000. Decorative paints produced 75 per cent of the group's reduced pretax profits and duced pretax profits and pushed sales in volume terms up by around 5 per cent. The paint industry as a whole re-ports a volume decline of around 7 per cent: The decorative paint market continued to decline in the first two months of this financial year, but there are some signs of improvement. The industrial division sup-

plies domestic appliance manufacturers, and the joinery, general engineering and motor industries. Reflecting their pro-blems, its contribution fell from 10 to 7 per cent of group profits although sales have remained

Aaronson payout held but profit is halved

By Rosemary Unsworth Agrouson Bros, the chipboard and veneer merchants, found its margins under increasingly severe pressure last year and pretex profits were halved. However the dividend was main-

mined.
With turnover rising by 17
per cent from £47m to £55m,
pretax profits fell from £4m
to £1.9m in the 12 months to
September 30 1980. They did
manage to hang on to its market share in exports where sales rose by 37 per cent to film. At the same time margins were clipped by the strength of ster-ling as goods came in from the EEC, Spain and Sweden, and the group was unable to pass on the effects of inflation, higher energy costs and the rise in prices of oil-based raw mate-rials.

On top of these factors, Aaronson's capital expenditure pro-gramme continued, at a cost of £4.8m, which helped to push borrowings up by £5m to £11m and force interest charges from

E740,000 to £1.48m. Capital expenditure should be sharply reduced this year as most of the plant improvements have no been completed and Aaronso should benefit from improve production capacity. Capital expenditure in th

last five years has come about £18m. In addition, the group has strengthened its position in the home market by the acquisinos for an undisclosed sum,

several distribution companisince the year end. Reorganization costs for the operation came to £900,000 and are included in the results : an extraordinary item. Before the acquisitions, Aaronson had distribution links in the Iris Republic, Northern Ireland and Scotland. It plans to use the public for smaller more links.

deliveries of goods. . The final dividend has bee maintained at 4.28p gross which with the interim of 1.71p gros gives a same again total of 6

outlets for smaller, more loc-

Briefly

Alcan Alaminium (UK): Alcan UK states that the histings for its debenture stock and loan stock were suspended in compliance with Stock Exchange practice. No proposals are being discussed with regard to these securities, which will remain unaffected whether or not an offer is made by Alcan Alaminium Ltd for the ordinary shares of Alcan UK not already owned by it.

Bain Dawes: Bain Dawes and Partners, the pensions and finan-

Partners, the pensions and finan-cial planning company in the Bain Dawes Group, has acquired the Manchester-based pensions consul-tancy business and portfolio of clients of Philip Glennon Asso-ciates (Pension Scheme Planning)

K Shoes: Acceptances of offer by C. and J. Clark for K Shoes' shares not already owned: 20.75m ordinary shares and similar numof deferred (91.2 per cent of per of deferred (91.2 per cent of each for which offer was made).

Apex Properties: Pretax profits for ball-year to September 30, 1980, £353,000 (£335,000). Interim dividend is unchanged.

City of Westminster Assurance: Regular premium income for 1980 increased by 11.5 per cent to £2.08m.

100 reased by 11.5 per cent to 12.08m.

Beaumont Properties: The big disappointment in the figures for the year to September 30 last from Beaumont Properties is the portfolio valuation. Observers had hoped for 215p a share but it worked out at only 190p. However, the total dividend of 7.5p gross is nearly 17 per cent up. Pretax profits rose from £1.27m to £1.46m thanks to rent reviews, so earnings a share rose from 5.3p to 6.6p. Mr J. Hugh Jones succeeded Sir Cyril Black as chairman nearly a year ago. The shares were unchanged at 141p.

Trust Securities Holdings announces a major acquisition which will provide about 400 acres of

Trust Securities Holdings announces a major acquisition which will provide about 400 acres of freehold development land withinfour miles of London's Heathrow Airport. To acquire the sites, the trust has purchased the Neartity Group which, in turn, owns W. W. Drinkwater, which owns 900 acres of land, achieved trading profits of nearly £500,000 last year.

of nearly £500,000 last year.

Thomas French & Sons: In his annual report, Mr T. J. French, chairman, reports that, in the United Kingdom, demand since last September has been at a more acceptable level than during the previous six months. French's overseas companies have continued to perform well.

Witter-Tacmac: Thomas Witter's chairman states that Tarmac has already acquired in the market 85 per cent of Witter's shares and that it is not in shareholders' interests to remain as minority holders. Witter's directors unanimously recommend all shareholders to accept the offers and intend to do so for their own holdings.

Sime Darby: The Far East trading and plantation group, is to develop a new rocce estate in

sine Baroy! The Far East trading and plantation group, is to develop a new cocoa estate in Sabah. The development will be carried out by Sime's plantation division in agreement with Permodalan Plantations, a Sabah company.

Profits leap at Mining **Supplies**

By Peter Wainwright Mining Supplies, the Do caster company which recent bought Laurence Scott, il electrical machinery and co trol gear maker for £5.8 performed well in the 26 week to October 25 even though the engineering strike hit the cor parative half-year.

Sales rose from £10m : £14.1m but pretax profits lead from £551,000 to £2.37m. Th progress is not entirely surpri ng, because during the bid for Scott, Mining Supplies said the turnover had jumped from £8.4m to £11.8m and preta the first five months of th year. The group is continuin its normal practice ing an interim dividend. It ha already said that it plans to a

least maintained the gross tota at 2.86p a share. These figures include nothin from Scott, which is as we because that company had t edmit last year that losses the first five months of 198-had grown to £1,7m—onl, £160,000 short of the loss for the whole of the year before. Reorganization was costing possibly hundreds of thousands o pounds of exceptional expend:

ture.
The figures, by their nature in no way reflect National Coa Board cutbacks.

The group reports a reason ably good order book. It i thought that it has suffered less severely than other NCI suppliers because the cuts fel most heavily on roof supports not a Mining Supplies special lity.

Bank Base

Barclays 14% Consolidated Crdts 14% C. Hoare & Co .. *14% Lloyds Bank 14% Midland Bank 14% Nat Westminster .. 14% Rossminster 14% Williams and Glyn's 14% *7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 11', 6. uf to £50,000 12', 6. over £50,000 12', 6.

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Arthur Guinness chairman's warning applications getting 73 per cent or a minimum of 2,000 shares. Letters of acceptance will be posted on February 10.

cerned, he expected the group Dunton Group for would be able to improve on 1979-80's performance. But he said it would take more than unlisted market

The offer by Mr A. K. Sore and Mr A. L. Ward for 840,000 ordinary shares in the Dunton Group has closed. Before the offer, Mr Sore and Mr Ward held 6.26m shares (54.75 per cent) and 937,500 shares (8.19 per cent) respectively. The offer was accepted for 191,100

Sore and Mr Ward intend Mr to make available to the staff of Bulk Earthmoving, a Dunton offshoot, the first 100,000 shares acquired under the offer and to place the balance in the unlisted securities market.

Caparo may decide on CMT bid today

Private investment company Caparo may reveal plans to launch its long-awaited counter-bid for Central Manufacturing last, pretax profits slipped from & Trading today. Mr Swraj Paul, who runs Caparo, said yesterday that following the Takeover Panel's ultimatum to the company to make up its mind by Monday morning on whether to bid or not, he has received additional information from CMT. He should be able to come to a decision today.

write-back or stock reker. The total gross dividend is being raised from 6.57p—adjusted for last year's scrip issue—to 7.22p. IDC covers the designing and constructing of industrial and commercial buildings, house-building, property development and fire protection services. Hanson Trust, which has 13.3 per cent of CMT, made a £13m bid for it on November 23. This was followed in December by Caparo's statement that it might make a rival offer. Hanson's extended 49p a share offer expires on Rebruser 13 expires on February 13. Dealings start in the shares

of new exploration vehicle Oil and Gas Production next Wednesday. Of the 18.9m fully Avana sells 6 pc stake in Robertson.

paid shares and the same num-ber of partly paid on offer, 13.65m of each sort were adoted to institutions before subscrip-tions opened. The remaining 5.25m fully paid US\$1 shares Avana Group has sold its 6 per cent stake in Robertson. Foods at 152p a share, raising more than film. The group said it still planned to proceed with its £17m all-share offer for Robertwere 1.89 times oversubscribed. Applications for up to 10,000 son, the jam group, and that the money would be used to reduce Robertson's borrowings if the bid went through. shares will be accepted in full and higher applications get 45 per cent of the amount applied for, or a minimum of 10,000

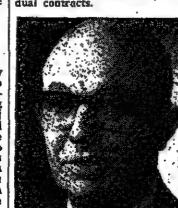
The stake is believed to have gone into several bands. Mr gone into several bands. Mr Christopher Robertson, chair-shares were 9.47 times oversub-scribed and applications for up to 2.000 shares are being before the defence document accepted in full with higher goes out.

Defence interests lift ML

By Our Financial Staff ML Holdings, the piano frames to electronic warfare group, has increased profits for the six mouths to September 30 from £374,000 to £442,000 on turnover up from £8.9m to

Some 65 per cent of ML's business is related to defence spending and growth here has continued unabated. Signalling and control systems also remain profitable, but Crown Foundry, which makes plane fromes and general castings, lost about £200,000.

The 40 per cent increase in turnover against the 18 per cent increase in profits reflects a strong defence order book, the profits on which tend to be taken at later stages of indivi-



Mr Ralph Price, chairman of M. L. Holdings.

Nevertheless, for the present year growth is likely to level of from last year's 25 per cent rise to £1.03m pretax and the probable ourcome is for £1.2m to £1.3m.

In the longer term ML still looks for defence growth in the region of inflation plus 3 per cent upon which Nato spending is based. The company is still set against disposing of its loss makers. The Crown Foundry business is seen as a potential business is seen as a potential substantial profit maker. The interim dividend at 2.86p gross is unchanged. A tax pro-vision of £230,000 ar this stage

is unlikely to be payable so earnings a share should end up ahead of last year's 37.28p.
On an unchanged dividend the shares at 255p, up 5p yesterday, yield 3.9 per cent with historic p/e ratio of 6.8 with the figures adjusted for the £2m rights issue in September.

has a 50.5 per cent stake. sales. Despite a 6 per cent fall gold prospect if it drills a mini-in sales to 19.765 tonnes, mum of 1,000 metres. **Interim loss** at upholstery

at 7 cents.

BH South, Central Norseman,
Gold Mines of Kalgoorlie and

Hill 50 Gold Mine, in all of which Western Mining has a

significant stake, also increased

their profits by wide margins.

The big change in Western Mining's profits came from increased gold production. Sales of gold in the six months were 4,173 ounces. Western

Mining produced none in the same period of 1979.

The company has also bene

fited from the sale of 35,566 ounces of gold over the same

period by Central Norseman Gold, in which Western Mining

maker -By Rosemary Unsworth
As forecast at the annual
meeting, Christie-Tyler, the
Welsh-based furniture and upholstery manufacturer, made a loss at the interim stage and has halved the dividend.

Pretax profits of £1.6m were turned into losses of £445,000 in the six months to October while turnover alipped by 5 per cent from £34.9m to £33.4m. cent from £34.9m to £33.4m.
Christie-Tyler reckons that
its upholstery volume, 90 per
cent of the business, declined
by 10 per cent over the period
compared with an industry fall
of 15 per cent so that it has
been able to increase its market share to around 23 per cent.
The upray loss is the first

The pretax loss is the first incurred since the group's list-ing in 1972 and reflects the exceptionally poor trading conditions in the furniture market, Mr George Williams, the thairman, said.

Redundancy payments to 250 employees who left last summer and closure costs amounted to

employees who left last summer and closure costs amounted to £590,000. But the group points out that since the end of the rationalization programme in September it has been in profit, although at an unsatis-factory level. Imports have also increased because of sterling's strength, further reducing Christie's mar-

gins, but the group said that it would be disappointed if it failed to work out the loss by the year end.

Under the new stock relief proposals £950,000 of deferred tax has been released, pushing after-tax profit to £736,000 compared with £773,000 the

Thyssen holds payout as profits decline Net profits of Thyssen, the

West German steel group, slipped to DM117.3m (£23.5m) in the year to September 30, 1980, from DM167.3m the year be-

of A\$2.68m against A\$1.78m in the same period of 1979. The company has declared an interim dividend of 4 cems Part of the A\$25.2m BH

South raised from the sale of five million Conzine Rictiato of

pay off loans. BH South says

terest in Carr Boyd's Leonors

Herr Dieter Spethmann, the managing board chairman, said the profits were satisfactory in the light of trading difficultes the light of frading difficultes throughout the world. In the first quarter of the present year, he added, sales and orders had been static or declining, with average monthly turnover down by DM100m, but he declined to make a forecast for the full year.

the full year. Herr Klaus Kuhn, the finance director, said foreign business would pick up this year and includes a clear improvement in the results of the group's Budd Co in the United States. Budd recorded a lose and a 25 mer.

Natwest offshoot dips

The National Bank of North debts increased from \$14m to \$22.5m.

America, the New York-based \$22.5m.

Mr Thomas Frost, the president and chief executive who was brought in from British headquarters to run the bank, said that bad debts included sharply higher provisions for bad debts and write offs of \$3.3m for loss on proposed sale of leased assets.

operating expenses went up inflation, b from \$117m to \$144m and bad ment costs.

International

the poor state of the car indus-

Looking to steel production, officials said utilization for crude steel was at 70 per cent of capacity, little changed from the fourth quarter of 1980 when quotas were imposed.

Steel accounted for 26 per cent of Thyssen's overall 1979-80 world turnover of DM34,000m, which included sales within the group. Steel turnover rose to DM8,700m from DM7,800m.

Thyssen also reported that its

Thyssen also reported that its pretax earnings on speciality steels rose to DMI20m from

As announced in December, recorded a loss and a 25 per Thyssen intends to pay an cent sales fall to \$1,100m unchanged DM4 dividend for (£470m) last year because of the year.

of leased assets.

Income during the year rose Part of the increased from \$144m to \$173m but expenses were not only due to inflation, but also to develop-

Business appointments

Barclays new company board

Mr Gordon Adam, a general manager of Rarrisys Bank and deputy chairman of Barclays Bank Trust Company, has also been nade chairman of the newlyformed Barclays Investment Man-agement. Mr David Moss, a director of Barclays Bank Trust Company, becomes a director of Barclays Investment Management. Barciays investment Management.
The executive directors of the new
company are Mr Bill Hilling, Mr
John Cain, Mr Mike Roberts, Mr
Laurie Juniper, Mr Howard
Beaufort and Mr John Embray.
Mr Roger Silvers is now techmical director of Johne & Rellhoter (UK).
Mr Philip Glennon has been
named an associate director Bain
Dawes and Partners.

Company:
Dr B. A. jarrett is the new group director, product technology, becomes a member of the Lucas Executive and is a director Lucas Executive and is a director of Joseph Lucas.

Mr M. J. Sharman has been made a non-executive director of Blumdell-Permoglace Holdings.

Lord Hunt of Tanworth has succeeded Sir Leslie Kirkley as chaleman of the Disasters Emergency Committee. The committee, which comprises five British relief agencies (the British Red Cross, CAFOD, Christian Ald, OXFAM

Dr J. V. Butcher and Mr A. G.
Martin have joined the board of
Yorkshire Chemicals.

Mr Daniel Meinertzhagen is to
succeed Mr John P. R. Glyn as
chaltman of Alexanders Discount
Company.

Dr B. A. Jarrett is the new
group director, product technollogy, becomes a member of the
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of America Company.

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Mr R. C. Wheeler-Bennett has been appointed chairman of Thomas Borthwick and Sons following the retirement of Dr W. A. Bullen as chairman.

Mrs Jan Calvert-Lee has joined the Confederation of British Industry in Birmingham as an assistant regional director.

Mr Arthur F. Leeks has joined the board of Tysler Holdings.

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Kingdom, volume sales of Whyte and Mackay whisky increased nearly

At the vineyards, the size and quality

40 per cent, to reach nearly eight

of the 1979 vintage enabled your

Company's Château estates in the

cru classe), Smith-Haut-Lafitte, La

Garde, de la Tour and Olivier-to

increase sales by 66 per cent. The

shippers Louis Eschenauer had to

contend with a fall in overseas

operation altogether attained its

The Group's Pepsi-Cola plant in

nearly 2.8 million cases, making it the

We have also for many years been

In the United Kingdom the Ashe &

Nephew off-licence chain continued

to grow, with shops exceeding 300 by

November, 1980 and turnover for the

bringing an increase in staff to 2,382.

Engineering, Steel and

engineering and manufacturing

Manufacturing

year rising by £7 million to £41 million,

In Zimbabwe the profitability of our

companies improved. W. Dahmer and

Zambesi Coachworks, who are two of

coachbuilders, are

forthcoming year.

projecting a healthy

increase in sales for the

the country's leading bus, truck and

The engineering industry in the

disruption of work in hand at your

steelmaking suffered substantially,

engineering and steel processing

Lightfoot Refrigeration had a

In common with all domestic

experienced a downturn. It is now

concentrating its operations in its

modern Sunderland factory. The

manufacturers of a wide range of stainless steel sink tops, traded

successfully, as did Peter J.

Hopkinson, plumbing factors.

for its range of office furniture.

particularly good year.

which is disappointing; however, the

companies still contributed to profits.

furniture manufacturers, Homeworthy

Emerald and Pland companies, volume

Sheer Pride produced reasonable

results and is developing new products

Company's plants. At Hadfields of Sheffield

week strikes by the engineers and steel

workers, which naturally meant major

Kano, in this its first full year, sold

capacity is being increased in 1981.

bottlers for Coca-Cola in Zambia.

largest Pepsi bottler in Nigeria;

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It gives Lonrho much pleasure to offer a satisfactory year's results to the shareholders

R. W. Rowland, Chief Executive

Lonrho has achieved record profits and turnover this year, largely due to the performance of the mining, agricultural and hotel divisions of the Group. These three areas of business alone did well enough to overcome the effects of the general recession.

The balance sheet has been considerably strengthened—assets employed in the Group are now almost £850 million. Net current assets are up by £78 million to £147 million, with a major increase in cash balances which stood at £108 million at the year end. During the year we had a successful

The underlying strength of your Company is the balanced range of its business—from raw materials and agriculture to manufacturing and

The Group is represented in 64 countries and employs over 140,000

I hope you will find the brief review of the year's business of interest, and also glance at the graphs and figures on pages 52 and 53. We have every reason to believe that our steady rate of expansion can be maintained.

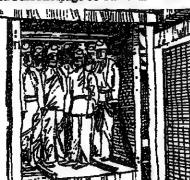
Mining

Mining profits increased from £26 million to £63 million in a good year_ characterised by firm metal prices, higher production and controlled costs.

The average price of gold realised was well in excess of that for the previous year. Total Group gold production was 367,000 ounces, with improyed milling facilities at two of our properties and the acquisition of two small but productive mines.

Our 86 per cent. owned subsidiary, Duiker Exploration Ltd., has ex its 36 per cent, participation rights in a major new mine with the Anglo American Corporation. This property, Eastern Gold Holdings, is forecast to produce 350,000 ounces of gold

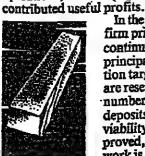
Western Platinum increased production by six per cent. to 131,000 ounces of platinum group metals. Firm prices prevailed throughout the year and costs were stable. Last year I referred to the research programme for the second higher-grade reef, and I am glad to tell you that the associated technical problems have been resolved. We are currently spending an estimated £14 million on exploiting this extensive new ore body. We expect to start production next year, building up rapidly to an additional 110,000 ounces of platinum group metals annually. Profits should consequently increase by about £10 million per annum at current prices and cost levels. The Lonrho Group refinery has been sold and is now wholly owned by Western Platinum, the mining company in which we hold 50.4 per cent. Our partners are Superior Oil of Houston and Falconbridge of Canada.



Miners at Ashanti

The collieries increased production to 2.62 million tonnes of bituminous coal and 535,000 tonnes of anthracite. We have started work on opening a new anthracite mine with an annual productive capacity of 600,000 tonnes.

Asbestos and cooper markets remained depressed. Our small-scale operations, however, again



In the light of firm prices, gold continues to be our principal exploration target, and we are researching a number of deposits. Where viability has been proved, current work is aimed at gaining additional

information for mine planning. We also prospect for other precious metals, base metals and coal.

Agriculture and Ranching

The world price of sugar improved rapidly during the course of the year and overall production exceeded 380,000 tons.

The new Dwangwa sugar project in Malawi is now working extremely well and some 50,000 tons of sugar are expected in 1981. The

contribution to Group profits from our Sugar operations is important to the Group.

The Group's tea estates were adversely affected by drought and the drop in tea prices this year,

Your Company's other agricultural projects in Africa, including particularly coffee, timber and tobacco, and the growing of mushrooms, maize, wheat, barley, soya beans, onions and potatoes had a good year. The maize and wheat crops in Kenya this year have been especially notable.

The total herd of beef cattle is still 100,000 head after sales of 20,000 head.

Finally, this year saw the completion of phase one at the Kenana Sugar Project in the Sudan. This scheme, which was invented and planned by your Company in 1971, continues to be the largest single agricultural project in Africa and the Middle East.

We were responsible for the site selection, the soil analysis, the development plans and the successful negotiations for the funding by Pan-Arab institutions, It now has Arab management, but Lonrho, as founder member, continues to be a shareholder

Hotels

We have now had a full year as 50 per cent. owners of Princess Properties in partnership with Mr. Daniel K. Ludwig, of New York. We are happy to report that the Princess hotel division's act profits reflected a 180 per cent, increase as compared with the previous year. The six fine resort hotels in the Bahamas, Bermuda and Acapulco, Mexico, continue their vigorous improvement. policies. The Company also owns the Sir Francis Drake in San Francisco.



By agreement with the Government

of Mexico, the Princess Group is expanding its world-famous Acapulco Princess by construction of a further. 320 rooms. It is proposing to build on its Acapulco site a major series of landscaped apartment blocks.

In Mexico City, Princess Properties owns a magnificent site on the Paseo de la Reforma for the construction of a new Princess hotel and office block. We expect to finish planning and initiate this project in 1981/82.

Despite the general downturn in business for hotels in the U.K., this has been another successful year for the Metropole Group.

In Brighton, a record 175 conferences and exhibitions were held, and in Birmingham another record was achieved of 475, maintaining our premier position amongst U.K. conference and exhibition hotels. The London Metropole's overall

occupancy was 86 per cent., although tourism to the capital declined. Upgrading continues at the Metropole hotels, All new hotel building works are carried out by the Group's building company, Fassnidge, Son & Norris.

Jack Barclay, the world's largest distributors of Rolls Royce and Bentley motor cars, made a significant contribution to the results of the wholly owned Dutton-Forshaw Group. Orders for the new Rolls Royce Silver Spirit exceeded expectations.

The Volkswagen-Andi franchise had an excellent year, with the introduction of the Volkswagen Jetta and Audi 200 to the existing range and with unit sales of 79,000.

A new £2 million extension to the computerised distribution centre at Milton Keynes was completed in October, in order to meet the increased



demand for vehicle parts and accessories from 355 well spread dealerships.

In East and Central Africa sales of trucks and tractors increased by over 28 per cent. but in West Africa sales have not yet returned to the levels attained in past years.

Turnover

In Nigeria we have signed a nationwide distribution agreement for

YEAR AT A GLANCE

central finance charges

Central finance charges

Profit before tax and

Profit before tax

TURNOVER

1961

year ended 30 September, 1960 Total £151-69m

Agricultural equipment, machinery and motors £20-01m

Wines, spirits

Export confirming, finance, property and insurance

and beers £3·13m _

Hotels £16-56m

£10-02m

£4 million

Dividends per share

locally produced Mercedes commercial Printing and Publishing vehicles and we assembled and sold 35,000 Yamaha motor cycles. Over 7,000 outboard engines were sold, and volume production of glass fibre workboats has started up.

Aircraft and Cargo

Tradewinds, the cargo airline flying Boeing 707's out of Gatwick Airport, staggered through the year, against overseas competition, which it found difficult to meet on equal terms. We shall need to find a new formula.

The Beechcraft dealership in Africa

sold 70 of these useful medium range

Kendall Globe, travel and freight agents in the United Kingdom, has expanded comfortably.

Lonrho operates medium range turbo-prop aircraft in Africa and one Grumman II jet. We also represent Grumman in most African countries.

The range of co-ordinated bedlinen marketed under the brand name "Accord" proceeded as planned to be the number two brand in the United Kingdom. 1980 saw the fruition of plans for the Breatfords' chain of shops, which aims at a mass market. New store openings brought the chain to 50 by December, 1980. Store image and ranges have been completely restyled. Lourho Textiles Limited continues to make encouraging progress towards profitability.

Our textile subsidiaries in Africa have been very successful, increasing profits by 20 per cent. David Whitehead in Malawi exported 40 per cent. of their production to ten countries, in addition to catering for local demand. Production and sales of cloth in Zimbabwe exceeded 20 million metres.

1980

£151-69m

£32.59m

£119.10m

10p

£2,100.66m £1,565.45m

1980

£2.100 million

Printing and publishing £4-34m

Mining and refining £63-34m

General trade

Engineering and

manufacturing £1-58m

Textiles

£4:97m

£94.93m

£16.70m

£78-23m

·7-32p

The acquisition of Harrison and Sons by SUITS was concluded during the early part of this year. This famous group prints company reports, text books and many other types of specialised paper, in addition to being one of the foremost printers of postage stamps in the world.

A highlight of the year for Harrison and Sons was the printing of the Post Office's commemorative stamp celebrating Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The

Queen Mother's 80th birthday. Holmes McDougall, who print educational books, magazines and posters, had a subdued year partly because of Local Authority spending

Daniel Greenaway & Sons, the Group owned City, financial and security printers, are set to become the most sophisticated financial printers in Europe with the installation of computerised typesetting in its London factory during the year ahead. Outrams, publishers of the

"Glasgow Herald" and "Evening Times", moved to their new premises in Albion Street, Glasgow. Sales of the "Glasgow Herald" and "Evening Times" average 330,000 copies a day during the year, whilst advertising volume was at a similar level to 1979. Outrams have announced plans to launch a new Scottish Sunday newspaper.

Overall the performance of our printing and newspaper publishing companies in Africa has improved, after some difficult years.

Export Confirming and Broking

The international financing operations of Balfour Williamson did well against exceptionally high interest costs for all major international. currencies and the increasing strength

of sterling.
John Holt's export confirming with West Africa has improved in line with the upturn in the economies of the countries concerned. After a few difficult years of import restrictions. the future looks promising once more. Our cotton broking firm handled approximately 34,000 tonnes in a quiet

market. **Property**

We are continuing to dispose of residential properties in England. whilst retaining, through our wholly owned subsidiaries, London City and Westcliff and AVP Properties, a portfolio of good quality industrial and commercial properties.

Department Stores

Lonrho Limited has a £75 million investment in the House of Fraser, just under 30 per cent. of the total issued share capital—there are no other major shareholders. House of Fraser owns Harrods, Dickins & Jones, Kendal Milne, John Barker and other fine department stores. Shareholders perhaps know that we are not happy with some recent House of Fraser Board appointments. On 28th January, 1981 we announced that we would be making an offer for the balance of the issued ordinary shares at 150p per share.



Wines, Spirits and Beers After an extensive promotion and marketing exercise in the United -

Pipeline After the Independence of Zimbabwe it became a priority to recommission our 180 mile pipeline connecting the refinery at Umtali in Zimbabwe with the port of Beira in Mozambique. The pipeline and its pumping stations have remained idle for 16 years. Our team of engineers began work

on pressure testing the pipe in September, 1980. The major part of the pipeline has been proved to be in good. order, although a portion will need to be replaced where it crosses the Pungwe marshes. The line was designed for pumping

either crude oil or refined productsand, until such time as the refinery is on-stream, it will pump refined products from Beira to Umtali. Our breach of contract claims against Shell and BP continue in arbitration.

Conclusion

Many companies and projects are not particularized in this condensed review, nor can I name all the able and enthusiastic people whose services the Group is fortunate to have. With their support, we intend to look forward to continued growth.

I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking them, and saying how much pleasure it gives the Lonrho Group as a whole to offer a satisfactory year's results to the shareholders.

The seventy-second Annual General Meeting of Lonrho Limited will be held at the Great Room, Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, W.1. on Thursday 26th March 1981, at 12 noon.



1971

£199 million

(including associates)

ANALYSIS OF GROUP PROFIT

Profit before tax and central finance charges:

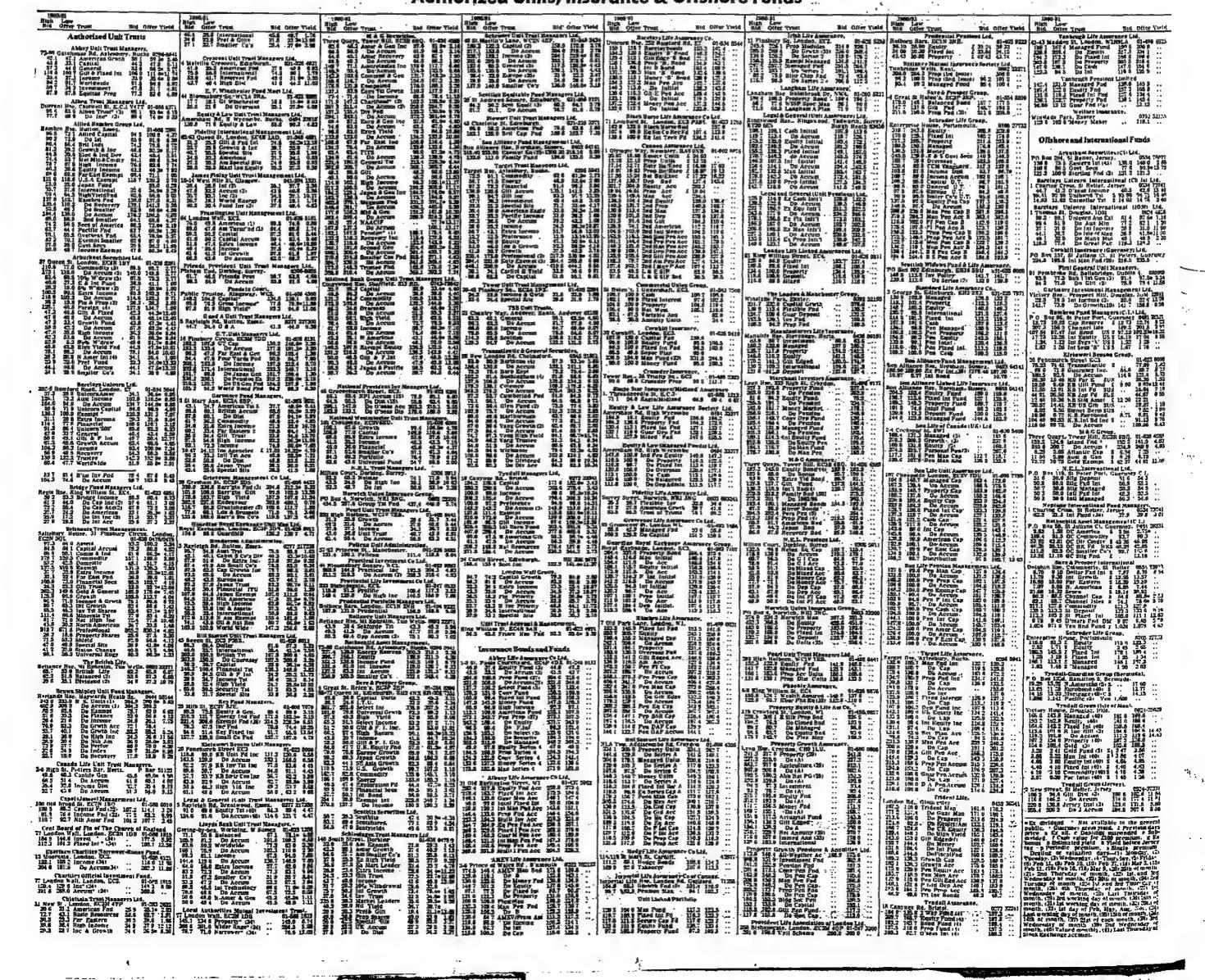
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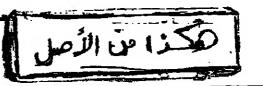
The text is taken from the Chief Executive's review contained in the 1980 Report and Accounts which will be published later this month. Copies will be available from The Secretary, Lourho Limited, 138 Cheapside, London, EC2V 6BL.

MARKET REPORTS

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Headlights are compulsory during fog

Driving through Sussex in heavy fog last week. I was appalled, but not altogether surprised, at the number of motorists who had neglected to switch on their headlights and. in some cases, not thought it necessary to use lights at all.

But the police were stopping the culprits to point out the error of their ways. There could be some court appearances as a result, for driving without headlights in fog is not only irresponsible but a clear breach of the law.

Chief Inspector Winder, head of accident preven-tion for Sussex Police, said: "We have had legislation about the use of headlamps in daytime for more than five years. But there are still far too many drivers who either ignore it, or do not know. about it, or simply do not think.

"It is not only a question of how far drivers can see but how quickly they can be seen, and this is something that is very difficult to get across. If we could do so, the roads would be a lot safer."

Mr Winder passed on the astonishing information that some drivers do not know where the headlamp switch is, presum-

ably because they only use their cars during the day, and police officers have to point it out to them.

"Others are convinced that the headlights are on when they are not, while some people are under the impression that if they use their lights they are wasting the battery, which is a load of rubbish."

A particular hazard for drivers in Sussex is the large number of elderly people in the population. Mr Winder said: "You cannot tell these people to wear bright clothing, it is up to the motorist to look out for them. If drivers cannot, or will not, put their lights on in poor visibility, they should not be on the road at all."

The Road Vehicles (Use of Lights during Daytime) Regula-tions, of 1975, require drivers to use headlamps when visibility is "seriously reduced by fog, smoke, heavy rain or spray, snow, dense cloud or any similar condition". To omit to do so is an offence carrying a fine of

up to £100. Which is clear enough, though in partial mitigation it has to be said that the fog in southern England last week was patchy and interspersed with bright sunshine. Anyone driving, say, 50 miles, might have had to switch his lights on and off at least half a dozen times and could be forgiven for forgetting.

The fact remains that in Britain there is a curious reluc-tance to use lights, more so, in my experience, than on the Continent. Sweden ran an experiment by which cars kept lights on all day, irrespective of the conditions, and even in bright sunshine it made vehicles easier

Coincidentally, Mr John Miles, road safety officer of the Royal Automobile Club, has issued a warning about the dangers of driving without lights at dawn and dusk, when, as he rightly visibility is often at its worst.

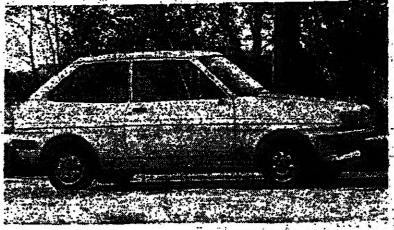
Apart from the regulations already quoted, drivers are required to switch on their lights at lighting-up time and to/-use headlamps at night on all roads where there is no street lighting, or where street lamps are more than 200 yards apart (though this must be a matter of estimation rather than precise measurement).

Though not legal requirements, drivers are recommended to use headlamps at night on motorways and other high-speed roads and to use dipped headlights at night in built-up areas unless the road is well lit.

On the last point, there was an attempt by the transport minister five years ago to make dipped headlights compulsory at night in all conditions, but the proposal proved controversial and was dropped. Opponents felt there would be a danger of dazzling oncoming drivers, especially if the road was wet.

Mr Norman Fowler, the present Minister of Transport, has indicated that he does not in-tend to reopen the matter, though a lobby of road safety and lighting interests is still pressing for legislation.

During the debate in 1975 it was pertinently observed that since many headlamps were wrongly aligned, enforcing their use at night in all circumstances could cause more accidents than it saved. Even more serious is the large number of cars being



Cut-price option-the Ford Fiesta Popular.

operating.

Such one-eved monsters, besides being illegal, are very oncoming disconcerning EO drivers and though they include a good proportion of old bangers that would not stand up to scrutiny in other areas, it is not uncommon to see headlamp failures in recently registered

Since fascia warning lights are now available for most things, such a facility could usefully be extended to the headlamps. Not that warning lights themselves are necessarily infallible, as I discovered the other day when I was wrongly alerted to a low oil

According to surveys by Sussex Police, incidentally, one vehicle in five is being used on the road with a lighting defect.

Road test: Fiesta Popular Ford's thinking behind the Popular is that in what is cer-

driven with only one head light tain to be a very tough new car operating. be seen to be competitive. At £2,849 the car costs £300 less than the previous base Fiesta and until Fiat decided to cut its prices by 10 per cent it could claim to be the cheapest model available in the small hatchback

sector.
The Popular has been made possible partly by Ford and its dealers taking a lower profit margin and partly by offering less standard equipment. Ford insists that the exercise is not just a ruse to lure customers into the showroom where they will be persuaded to buy a fully-priced Fiesta; on the contrary, the Popular is intended to be a substantial seller in its own right.

Potential buyers will have to decide whether £300 is sufficient incentive to entice them away from rival cars like the BL Metro, Volkswagen Polo, Renault 5 and Datsun Cherry and, if so, whether the Popular's depleted specification is acceptable.

On the Popular's competitive clear, the window of rain and ness against other cars comparisons are difficult to make. The base Metro, for instance, costs £3,095, or £246 more, but it has several extra standard arems such as a carper in the passenger compartment and a heated rear window. And as already indi-cated, the base Flat 127 is cheaper than the Popular any

Standard equipment on cars has improved steadily over the years, partly because motorists have demanded it but also through legislation which now demands that every new car fits an outside unirror, hazard warning light and rear fog lamp. So the Popular may be base but it is hardly basic, particularly when offering steel braced radial tyres and an item still far from common on more expensive models,

a laminated windscreen. What, then, is " missing."? The interior is certainly spartan by roday's standards, with vinyl seat. trim instead of cloth, rubber mats instead of carper and areas. of bare paint. The front seats do not recline, which could cause some drivers discomfort. Mechanically the most obvious

omission is serve assistance on the brakes, which therefore require a stronger foot. The things I missed most, be-cause they directly affect visibility, and safety, were a heated window and a rear screen wash/wipe. I regard a heated rear window as essential on any car and would make it a legal requirement; and I would submit. that the angle of the tailgate on a car like the Fiesta makes a very strong case for a wash/wipe to

.dirt. The Popular has a 950cc over-

head valve engine, in either high or low-compression versions depending on whether the preference is for better performance or heiter economy. Either way, the car offers reasonable acceleration and flexibility combined with 34 to 40 mpg fuel consumption. The engine is noisy through the gears and above 60 mph in top, so there is an inducement to

treat it gently.

The car is pleasant to drive, with a good gearchange, light steering and crisp cornering though the ride is below par. Less than 12 ft long, the vehicle is ideal for manoeuvring in heavy traffic and for tucking into right parking spaces. The back seat easily takes two adults or it can be folded flat for extra luggage space.

Until the Metro arrived, the Fiesta was the best selling car in its field and one that could be safely recommended as a good all-rounder that because it is, nominally, at least, British is likely to cost less on insurance and spares. But the Metro, which has been outselling the Fiesta. claims even lower running costs. Ford denies that the Popular was simply a riposte to the BL car but the Metro does present much stiffer competition than the Fiesta has faced up to now. Outstanding fuel consumption, good interior space, the split rear seat and 12,000 mile service intervals are all in the Metro's favour and asked whether BL intended to follow Ford's pricecutting move, a spokesman re-

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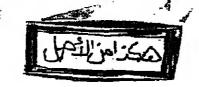
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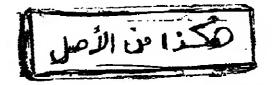
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With no surprise at all. I learn that Clare Francis, the brave yarhtswoman, has been given the MC's job in tonight's edition of Friday Night . . . Saturday Morning (BBC 2, 11.35). I am only astonished it has taken so long. She has beauty, a ready wit, a relaxed manner, a wide range of interests, and no distracting mannerisms. If she is as good with interviewees as she has been with interviewers, there is absolutely no reason why she should not be all set for a highly successful new career.

The performance of Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique by the Berlin Philharmonic under Von Karajan (Radio 3, 8.25) is the one given at last year's Salzburg Whitsun Festival. Earlier (7.30), we hear the Mozart Divertimento in D major K334. Earlier (7.30), on Radio 3 (12.15), the BBC Northern Orchestra under Bryden Thomson play the Sibelius No 4 and (at 1.20) Arnold's sixth symphony... Clare Lawson Dick has made a fine job of abridging Boswell's London Journal 1762-63 (Radio 3, 10.30 pm) and Gary Bond is making an equally good job of reading it.

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Sixteen Up: Teenagers and the problem of a place to live. Closedown at 12.30.
12.45 pm News. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: This edition includes Peter Scabrook's gardening item. Dig This. 1.45 How Do You Do? A story, counting games and rhymes. With Carmen Munroe, 2.02 For Schools, Colleges: Barry Prognets for the working disabled. Closedown at 3.00.

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S.40 News: with Kenneth Kendall.

S.52 Regional news magazines.
And (at 6.20) Nationwide. With Alan Trichmarsh's gardening item and Desmond Lynam's Sportswide. Competing are Kenth Fielding. Lynn Davies, Jim Fox, Andy Ripley, Mike Chamqon, Peter Bounctti, Mike Hazlewood and David Jenkins.

3.00 The Walls of Jericho: Episode 3 of this factual story of pioneer women medical students lighting for recognition in educational establishments in Britain. Tomight, the battle moves from Edibourgh to London (See Personal Choice).

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11.00 Play School. Same as BBC 1, 3.55. Closedown at 11.25. 5.40 Harold Lloyd : Sequences from

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6.00 Monkey. Japanese-made, English dubbed, fantastical adven-ture about old China.

6.45 Speak for Yourself: The series for people for whom English is not their first language. How to apologise for damaging someone else's property.

9.30 am For Schools: Botanic Man (with David Bellamy); 9.58 The changing face of Weston-Super-Mare; 10.15 French Jesson:

Super-Mare; 10.15 French lesson: burglary; 10.38 A-level programme on fossils; 11.02 All about fruk; 11.14 Lenny the Lion; 11.26 Maths for the very young; 11.43 For the deaf.
12.00 The Magic Ball: Gerald Hagan's story. The Story of the Chimpanzee, with Eric Thompson's narration (r); 12.10 pm Once Upon a Time: Mark Wynter tells the story of Old Sheepdog.
12.30 A Better Read: The theme of Bill Grundy's books programme roday is Westerns. He talks to Frederick Nolan, and J. T. Edson and John B. Harvey make their choices (r).

choices (1).
1.00 news. 1.20 Thames news.
1.30 Together: More about the people who live in Rutherford

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2.00 After Noon Plus: With Mayls Nicholson and the Mike West-brook Band.

2.45 Film: How to Break up a Happy Divorce (1976) Television

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10.50 Royal Heritage: Part 5 of this history of Britain's royal builders and collectors. Tonight, the first three King Georges, and what they passed on to us. 11.50 Film: Subterfuge (1968). Thriller about an American security agent (Gene Barry), apparently holidaying in England, who is involved in a murder and kidnapping. With Joan Collins, Richard Todd. Director: Peter Graham Scott. Ends at 1.20.

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9.00 Playhouse: The Journal of Bridget Hiller. Play about the private life of the Nazi dictator, based on his Irish sister-in-law's journal which most people think is a work of fiction. With Siobham McKenna as Bridget, and Maurice Roeves as Hitler (See Personal Choice). 7 20 Oxford Road Show : Lighthearted musical programme, with Rob Rohrer, Jackie Spreckley and Martin Bergman, Paula Yates pro-Choice). 10.50 Newsnight: The news of the

7.55 In the Country: Yesterday's Farming. The question posed in tonight's edition is: are the farming methods of Victorian Britain making a practical comeback? There is coverage of the Cart Horse Company, and a visit to a farm in Buckfastleigh, south Devon, With Angela Rippon. 10.50 Newsaight: The news of the day, presented in bulletin form, with special features about the most important stories.

11.35 Friday Night . . . Saturday Maraing: Char and music show, compèred by Clare Francis. With Hammond Innes, Ken Follett, Julie Walters, Dr Richard Mackarness, and Baby Grand. Ends at 12.30 (See Personal Choice).

8.25 Under New Management?
"Newsweek" report on the new climate of industrial relations in Britain, with the balance of power movies, with Barbara Eden as the divorcee who tries to win back her husband. With Hal Linden, Peter Bonerz.

4.15 Watch lif Another of the Dr Snuggles the Inventor stories (with Peter Ustinov's voice). 4.20 The Adventures of Black Beauty: Jonah, the white pony, makes a bolt for freedom (r). 4.45 Animals in Action: How Birds and animals make their intentions and feelings clear. With Keith Shackleton, the wildlife artist.

5.15 Clapperboard: Chris Kelly's movie programme, with citps from two of little Ricky Schroder's films, The Champ and Little Lord Fauntieroy.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.30 Thames Sport: What the weekend has in store. movies, with Barbara Eden as the

vides the pop world gossip item.

8.30 The Gaffer: Comedy series about a struggling engineering business, run by Bill Maynard. Tonight, he employs an old Army friend, with unexpected results. 9.00 Second Chance: Third 9.00 Second Chance: Third episode in this romantic drama about a divorced couple (Susannah York, Ralph Bates). Tonight, the divorced wife finds her family picnic spoilt by predatory males. 10.00 News. 10.30 Benson: Another of these American comedies about a governor's black butler (Robert Guillaume). Tonight, a visit to a waterfront bar.

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11.00 The London Programme:
What happens when complaints
are made against the Metropolitan
Police. The Director of Public
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11.35 Mannix: Drama about a missing diplomat. With Mike Comors as the detective hired by a Japanese private investigator to find the idinapped man.

12.30 am Close: Sir Netl Cameron, Marshal of the RAF, reads Arthur Hugh Clough's Say Not the Struzgle.

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6.10 Farming Today.
6.30 Today.
7.00, 8.00 News.
7.30, 8.30 Headlings.
8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 11.00-12.00 Study on 4: Kontakte (15); Allez France ! Radio 3

9.05 Desert Island Discs.+ 10.02 International Assignment.

RADIO

Radio 3
6.55 am Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records: Purcell, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Walton.†
8.05 Records: Offenbach, Rachmaninov, Britten, Mozart (K29).†
9.00 News.
9.05 Week's Composer: Bach.†
10.00 Trio (Zingara): Mozart (K542), Shostakovich.†
10.50 Wind: Damase, Payne.†
11.20 French Baroque Cantatas: Monteclair, Rameau, Campra.†
12.15 pm BBC Northern SO/Thomson (live from RNCM, Manchester), pt 1: Nielsen, Sibelius (Sym 4).† (See Personal Choice.)
1.00 News.
1.05 Story: Dancers, by Eva Tucker. 10.30 Daily Service.

10.45 Story: Treasures of Provence, by T. V. Newmark.

11.00 News.

11.05 The Commyside in Winter. 12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and Yours. 12.02 pm You and Yours. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers.

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1.20 BBCNSO, pt 2: Berkeley,
Arnold (Sym 6).†

2.05 What the Critics Said (5).

3.00 Violin (Zivoni): Ysaye, 3.02 Play: The Cradle Man, by Andrew Tyrrell. 105 Weigh-In. 115 Poetry Up to Now (5). 145 The Towers of Trebizond (3). Whettam.†
3.40 Piano duet: Ladmirault,
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4.20 BBC Singers/Poole: Brahms, 6.30 Going Places 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers.

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4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
6.55 Play it Again: preview.† 7,05 He Arthers. 7,20 Pick of the Week.† 8,10 Profile. 8,30 Any Questions ? 9,15 Letter from America. 9,30 Kaleidoscope. 10,00 The World Tonight. 7.00 Poetry Now.
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Mozart (K334).† (See Personal Choice.)
8.10 One Pair of Ears: review.
8.25 BPO, pt 2: Berlioz (Sym. Fant).† Fant).†

9.25 The Eternal Husband (6).

9.45 Music in Our Time: Quartet, soprano (Medici/Manning): Tredici (I hear an army—1st UK broadcast), Guy.†

10.30 A Man of Pleasure (2). (See Personal Choice.)

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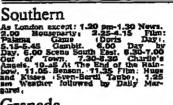
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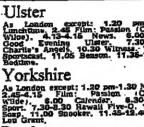


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